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Scriptural imagery

The Museum of Art is sponsoring a free exhibit featuring paintings by Minerva Teichert depicting Book of Mormon history.

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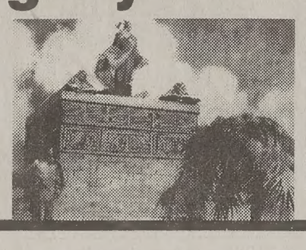

Blood line

Blood drives and a bone-marrow drive will take place on campus today.

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Conversion

Minu Gupta, a graduate student from Bangkok, Thailand, spoke about her conversion from Hinduism to Mormonism.

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2 businesses robbed

By AMY LONG
Universe Staff Writer

Tuesday night two businesses in Orem and Provo were hit by armed robbers.

The Provo robbery occurred at Edgemont Cleaners, 3167 N. Canyon Road, around 7 p.m., said Lt. Greg DuVal, supervisor of the Provo Detective Division.

The suspect is described as male, approximately 16 to 18 years old. He was wearing a ski cap and dark clothing, and his face was obscured by a nylon stocking, DuVal said.

The suspect displayed a handgun when he entered the store prior to closing, according to Larry Cooper, owner of Edgemont Cleaners.

Using a bag with the logo of a nearby grocery store, the suspect demanded money from the cleaner's compartment and from the girl behind the counter before departing through the drive-up window, Cooper said.

"She's very upset," Cooper said about the clerk on duty Tuesday night. "She's a student at Timpview High School ... she said she didn't sleep well (the night of the robbery)."

Even though the robber did escape with $400, Cooper supported his employee's actions.

"She handled everything just fine," he said.

There are no suspects or leads at this time, DuVal said.

In Orem, a vendor of authentic Chinese cuisine was robbed less than half an hour after the Provo robbery.

The robbery was reported by the restaurant Ho Ho Gourmet, 435 E. 1150 South, about 7:20 p.m., said Lt. Bob Conner of the Orem Police Department.

A white male had been reported to have entered the business a few minutes earlier. When an employee approached the man to arrange seating, the suspect pulled a gun, Conner said.

The suspect then grabbed the day's proceeds, threw them into a bag and was last seen jumping over the fence bordering a Burger King parking lot, Conner said.

Officers checked the area and found some clues, but any leads at the present time are practically nonexistent, Conner said.

Two employees witnessed the robbery, Conner said.

One witness was the victim and the other was approaching the front desk just as the crime was being committed. No one was injured in either incident.

Both Conner and DuVal agree that there are some similarities between the two cases.

Both suspects wore the same type of hat and bulky, dark coats. They are also thought to be relatively young, DuVal said.

They also used small handguns, although the handguns were different for both robberies, DuVal and Conner said.

The Ho Ho Gourmet robber is described as 6 feet 2 inches, thinly built and in his early 20s, Conner said.

Investigators are looking at both cases, but it is too early to say whether the two cases are connected, Conner said.

There has been an increase in robberies this year, and more youthful offenders have been involved lately. This type of crime is more common now than it has been before, DuVal said.

Edgemont Cleaners has been robbed half a dozen times in the 11 years that Cooper has owned the store. None of those cases have been solved.

"I just had a meeting with the head detective of the Provo Police Department, and he explained to me what they're doing," Cooper said. "They don't have enough manpower or time to take care of all the problems, but in all the cases that we've been robbed, every single case has gone unsolved, and the cases were closed."

The perpetrator is probably a resident of the area. In cases like these, the police are dependent upon the public for information, DuVal said.

"If someone does have information about who might have committed a crime, a phone call would be appreciated," DuVal said.

"There is a lot of crime going on, and I don't think people are aware of it until it happens to them," Cooper said.

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Edgemont Cleaners, at 3167 North Canyon Road in Provo, was one of two places hit by armed robbers Tuesday night. The other robbery took place at Ho Ho Gourmet in Orem. Despite descriptions from several witnesses about the perpetrators, police are still looking for suspects.

Wills may stand dead cat case

By STEVEN HALL
Universe Staff Writer
and The Associated Press

The Supreme Court is considering arguments over the legitimacy of a handwritten wills leaving millions of dollars to her now-dead

court ruled that a formal will Mary Miles Kleinman's notes remained in effect. will, drawn up in 1986 by and her nephew, St. George ohn Miles, left Kleinman's state to her 17 nephews and n she died in 1993.

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written notes further stated der of the cat's inheritance ft to the Humane Society nimal's death, and another ould go to The Church of st of Latter-day Saints' 5th George.

Society of Utah president k appealed the lower court before the Utah Supreme sday, arguing Kleinman's handwritten wills are the most personal of testaments to her intentions.

A person's will should be honored and not dismissed because of legal technicalities, he said.

"It's a very technical issue," said Gary Blatter, an attorney for Estate Planning Law Office in Orem. "But it can be answered fairly easily by looking at the documents. A holographic (handwritten) will is fine as long as you meet the requirements."

Blatter said holographic wills must not contradict any other previously written will, and must be written by someone in a competent state.

"A person can modify his or her will at any time," Blatter said. "The only issue is if the modification was done correctly. If (the wills) contradict each other, the former will will stand."

Kleinman's niece, Carol Vincent, said Kleinman did not intend to leave large sums of money for Troy and the Humane Society.

"She never said anything to me about that and she talked to me a lot about her will," Vincent said.

Troy was a starving kitten when Kleinman's late son Miles found him in November 1978. Miles died of cancer in December 1980 and Troy became Mary Kleinman's closest companion.

roperty taxes be reduced

By TANYA SMITH
Universe Staff Writer

ah County Commission arly half a million dollars year's budget at its meeting ith plans to take off an addihillion in expenditures when is approved next Tuesday, ssioner Dave Gardner.

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ood thing. Usually the counore with individuals than erty. We deal with mental bstance abuse, the sheriff's every entity has gone to a mixed revenue source, and it is time to get the county on line," Grover said.

The Utah legislature passed a bill that lowered its collection of state sales tax to six percent, Gardner said earlier this year.

The additional .0025 of a dollar would stay in the county, which is the reason county property taxes have decreased. The new budget would be in effect next June, after being passed this December.

The lowered tax will appear on the county property tax line on next year's taxes, Gardner said.

The changes, which may seem small to the average resident, are significant for the county. The property tax collected by the county makes up nearly one-third of the county's total $60 million budget. Gardner said things will be changing for the county's taxing revenues in the future, because there is talk in the state legislature of having a cap for taxes or freezing taxes for a year.

Gardner said an estimated $9.5 million would come into Utah County next year, from 1/4-of-a-cent sales tax revenue.

Conference to fight Internet porn

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is seeking cooperation from foreign law enforcers to fight pornography on the Internet and other high-tech crime.

Attorney General Janet Reno announced a two-day conference of international authorities next week to devise interagency measures to locate criminals who use the Internet and other new technologies. The aim would be to ensure that cybercriminals can find no safe havens.

"One of the greatest challenges we face in this area of law enforcement is to identify online predators ... in child pornography," Reno said Wednesday at a conference on making the Internet a safer place for America's children. "Current technology often allows these criminals to mask their location and their identity.

"The rapid and global growth of the Internet raises a host of complex issues involving criminal law enforcement that expand beyond national boundaries."

The Justice Department said next week's meeting, the first of its kind, begins Wednesday with justice and interior ministers from Britain, Germany, Japan, Italy, Canada, France and Russia attending.

"When we meet, we will be talking about methods to locate and identify computer criminals so we can bring them to justice," Reno said.

She said U.S. law enforcement that focuses on fighting child pornography and other crimes against children are making a difference.

Between 1992 and 1996 the Justice Department increased federal court filings by 162 percent against those suspected of dealing in Internet child pornography and by 263 percent in filings against those transporting minors with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity, she said.

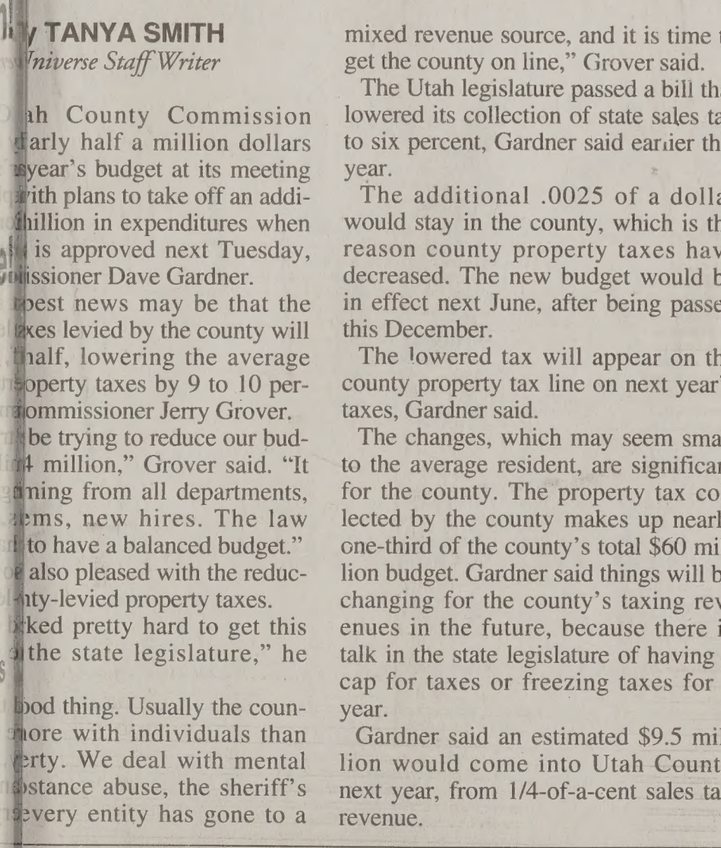
The Justice Department cannot say how many crimes against children occur over the Internet because it does not break out those figures from overall statistics.

Wednesday's announcement came a day after Vice President Al Gore announced a commitment from the online industry to report child pornography to law enforcement officials. The agreement to help enforce existing laws against child pornography involves industry groups covering 95 percent of home Internet users.

Reno said the Justice Department is expanding its computer-training program to include joint training with industry representatives and local law enforcers.

"Law enforcement needs to know all it can about developments in Internet technology and in the online market industry," she said. "More in-depth training will foster cooperation and ensure that all investigations of cybercrime aimed at children are conducted using the most advanced techniques possible."

Reno also asked for continued cooperation in trying to enforce existing laws and to detect abuses against children as well as other criminal activities online.



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l answer your question?

nt Bill Clinton addresses race and racial relations during a eeting Wednesday at the University of Akron, Ohio. hopes the meeting will jump-start his program for racial nciliation. See related story on p.11.

Au pair all smiles at hearing

Associated Press

BOSTON — Louise Woodward smiled and giggled at a hearing Wednesday when a judge sent the prosecution's appeal in her case to the full state supreme court and declined to order the British au pair back to prison for the death of an 8-month-old boy.

Justice Ruth Abrams said the appeal could be presented to the entire seven-member Supreme Judicial Court in March, bypassing the lower Appeals Court.

It was the latest turn in the case in which a jury convictedWoodward Oct. 30 of second-degree murder in the shaking death of Matthew Eappen. The verdict was reduced to manslaughter two weeks later by the presiding judge in the case, Superior Court Judge Hiller B. Zobel, and Woodward was released.

Abrams' action means separate appeals from the prosecution and defense, which wants Woodward exonerated, will be consolidated into a single case. The defense opposed bypassing the Appeals Court.

Abrams could have refused to consider the case, sending prosecutors back to the Appeals Court immediately. Or she could have stayed Zobel's order, returning Woodward to prison, as the prosecution had requested.

Both sides claimed victory.

"We believe it indicates their willingness to make the inquiry we asked, whether there was in fact an arbitrary and capricious action by the trial court," said prosecutor Martha Coakley.

Defense attorney Harvey Silverglate said: "The reason the court expedited the case is so she doesn't have to stay here any longer than necessary."

Woodward has been ordered not to leave the state.

Woodward giggled and chatted with attorneys in the courtroom. Occasionally, she smiled and, at one point, waved to someone in the gallery.

"I've seen Louise blossom since she's been released," said defense attorney Elaine Whitfield Sharp. "She sings. She's happy. She's doing very well."

Several supporters stood outside the courthouse holding signs that said "Louise is innocent" and "Justice for Louise."

Prosecutors argue that Zobel exceeded his authority by composing his own theory to explain the baby's death, a theory neither the prosecution nor defense had suggested at her trial.

He had said that she might have fatally injured the child in frustration but not with malice.

Prosecutors said the judge made several other mistakes, including changing the sentence without regard to state guidelines that recommend a three- to five-year prison term for involuntary manslaughter.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

14-year-old lives beyond her death

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A 42-year-old man who was able to walk only a few steps without using an oxygen machine has received the lungs of a 14-year-old girl slain in the shooting at a high school in West Paducah. The girl's heart was transplanted into a second patient.

Both transplants were performed Tuesday night at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

Nichole Hadley was among three girls shot to death Monday at Heath High School. She died Monday night after being taken off life support at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

Thomas Hereford of Jeffersonville, Ind., who has a genetic condition that results in severe emphysema, received both lungs. He was listed in serious but stable condition Wednesday.

"Without a transplant, he wouldn't have lived much longer," said his brother Mark Hereford, whose wife graduated from Heath High in 1972.

Nichole's heart went to a male patient who was not identified.

"What she wanted to do in life was help other people. This is one way she can do this," Nichole's father said.

City workers in custody for tax fraud

NEW YORK — The city's payroll chief and 93 other municipal workers were charged with avoiding payment of $525,000 in income taxes, sometimes by claiming allegiance to anti-tax groups whose members disavow U.S. citizenship.

One of those charged was Joseph A. Messina, a commissioner whose office oversees the city's financial records.

Officials said Messina, who earns $133,000 a year, failed to file tax returns for three years.

Most of the other workers charged Tuesday work as guards for the Corrections Department.

About half of those charged told authorities they are part of tax protest movements or adhere to a so-called "Freemen" philosophy in which individuals renounce U.S. citizenship and refuse to pay taxes.

Messina, who did not claim membership in any anti-tax group, did not return a phone call to his office.

Con man steals $3 million in jewelry

LONDON — A con man posing as a millionaire stole jewelry worth $3 million from two Americans after persuading them to fly from California to show him a suitcase full of gems.

The Daily Express reported that the con man told Bijan Jewels, based in Beverly Hills, Calif., that he was a relative of the billionaire Sultan of Brunei and wanted to buy a wedding present for one of the sultan's sons.

Two Bijan employees flew to Britain last week in a private jet paid for by the thief, who they believed was a legitimate buyer.

Scotland Yard said the theft took place Friday outside a hotel in central London, where the two met with the con man, who arrived with bodyguards and a fleet of limousines.

Woman mysteriously falls from sky

MIAMI — Police will try to identify a woman through her finger prints after she mysteriously fell from the sky onto a wall at an apartment complex.

Residents heard a loud bang Tuesday and went outside to find the body had landed on the wall and ripped in half, said Detective Delrish Moss.

A 20-story apartment building is located near the spot where she landed, but the condition of the woman's body indicates she fell from much higher, Moss said.

"We have no clue," he said.

The woman was wearing black clothes and had no identification, Moss said. She was described as white with shoulder length black hair. Police estimate she was in her mid-30s to late 40s and weighed between 120 to 150 pounds.

"Right now we're still trying to figure out where we go from here," Moss said. "You have to put together part of the mystery before you even start a direction."

The police were also calling airports seeking more information. An autopsy will be performed to determine whether the woman was alive before she fell.

Weather

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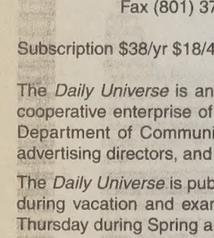
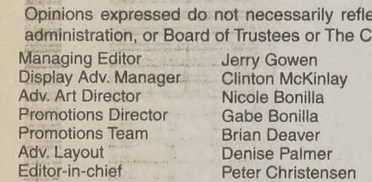


"And now, my sons, remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation; that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds ... it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo, because of the rock upon which ye are built."

— Helaman 5:12



Craig Seager likes this scripture because "it emphasizes to me the fact that if we rely on the Lord in all that we do, everything will turn out for the best." Craig is a freshman from Kingwood, Texas, majoring in pre-dentistry.

Suspect in school shooting may not have acted alone

Associated Press

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. — In the search for a motive in the shooting deaths of three students in a high school prayer circle, the sheriff suggested on Wednesday that the 14-year-old suspect may not have acted alone.

An examination of Michael Carneal's school essays and short stories also revealed a recurring theme that the bespectacled 14-year-old felt weak and picked upon, Principal Bill Bond said. Although the principal wasn't aware of any incidents in which Carneal had been physically harassed.

The boy apparently "had been teased all his life" and "just struck out in anger at the world," Bond said.

Three young girls died Monday and five were wounded after Carneal allegedly opened fire after a prayer meeting in the crowded lobby at Heath High School. The boy surrendered after a friend persuaded him to drop his pistol.

Sheriff Frank Augustus said the boy may have had help, although he acknowledged his theory was based on a "gut feeling" and that no evidence had been found pointing to a conspiracy.

"He did bring five guns. Is he the only one who was supposed to be there?" the sheriff asked. "Are there more people involved in this, who maybe chickened-out or used him as a pansy?"

Prosecutor Dan Boaz said news on whether there will be more arrests could come as early as Thursday. He did not elaborate.

Those who know Carneal described him as physically small and emotionally immature, but a good student with no serious discipline problems.

"This young man had a lot of hatred, and he took out that hatred on a lot of innocent kids," Bond said.

Augustus said he didn't think hostility from other students had been a factor in the shootings, which injured five other students.

Funeral services for Kayce Steger, 15, Jessica James, 17, and Nicole Hadley, 14, will be held Friday. Two of the five injured students remained hospitalized Wednesday in satisfactory and stable condition.

The sheriff said the suspect, who is being held on juvenile charges of murder, attempted murder and burglary, carried the pistol, extra ammunition, two shotguns and two rifles into Heath High on Monday. He's accused of stealing the weapons from a neighbor's gun safe.

Classmates said Carneal warned some people last week that "something big is going to happen," and urged at least a few friends not to attend the Monday morning student-organized prayer meeting in the school's lobby.

"I've got a 14-year-old male who walks into school and commences fire on a group of students," the sheriff said. "Why did he bring five guns to school? Why did he evidently make statements to people that something tragic was going to happen?

"I don't believe this boy planned this out by himself. I believe there is somebody else in the background that we need to talk to. I think it's other students. I may be totally out of whack, but I just believe there's others involved."

Hours after the shootings, Carneal told a detective he didn't know why he fired on his fellow classmates. And the boy's parents told their minister they have no idea what prompted the shootings.

Union Pacific says problems are solved

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saying it has taken extraordinary steps to end the gridlock and service woes that have disrupted thousands of rail shippers, Union Pacific railroad executives argued Wednesday against further corrective measures by the federal government.

Union Pacific Chairman Dick Davidson told the Surface Transportation Board that a service recovery plan implemented in October has returned the nation's largest railroad to "a substantially fluid condition."

"We have cleared the decks of the backlog and the congestion," Davidson said. The main trouble spots remaining are in Southern California and the Houston area, he and other railroad officials acknowledged.

Davidson urged the board not to extend a 30-day emergency order that expires at midnight Thursday, which required Union Pacific to cooperate with competitors in Texas, where the rail congestion began and then spread. "We don't think there's any need to renew the order," he said.

The infighting between Union Pacific and some of its competitors, in particular Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Kansas City Southern, clearly is troubling the Surface Transportation Board, which regulates the industry.

"It appears to me that carriers continue to point fingers at one another, in certain instances almost seeming to disavow any responsibility for working to resolve what we face," said board chairwoman Linda Morgan.

Congestion on the 36,000-mile Union Pacific network has rippled throughout the U.S. economy, stranding bumper grain crops in the Midwest, clogging California ports and disrupting production at Gulf Coast petrochemical plants, Northwest lumber yards and steel mills.

Union Pacific's claim that progress is occurring throughout its network isn't universally shared.

Some of the railroad's largest customers, in filings submitted in advance of Wednesday's hearing, said they are continuing to feel the pinch. They are asking the board to issue a long-term extension of its emergency order.

Formosa Plastics Corp. "fears that a return to normal service on UP will not be accomplished within the next few days or by the end of 1997," said the company's traffic manager, Pablo Rodriguez.

Dow Chemical Co., whose plants in Louisiana and Texas have suffered from railroad delays, remains dissatisfied despite repeated meetings with the railroad. "It is clear from the inputs of numerous shippers that the promised improvement has not yet been seen," said company official William Gebo, who estimated the disruption has cost Dow $5 million in the last five weeks alone.

While accusing some critics of using the railroad's problems to push their own agenda, Davidson acknowledged that all customers haven't seen improvements. "I know a lot of them aren't getting satisfactory service at this point," he said when questioned about the widely differing assessments made by the railroad and its customers.

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Cook said his biggest concern was that the temporary site would evolve into a permanent site.

"Laws can be amended, licenses can be renewed and leases can be renegotiated," he said. "I do not want the rest of the country to say, 'Just leave the waste in Utah.'"

Mary Callaghan, Salt Lake County Commission chair, also spoke.

"Utah does not produce any nuclear waste and the logic as to why we should store it for those who do totally escapes us," she said. "We should not be the nation's dumping ground."

Gary Griffith, Tooele County Commissioner where the reservation is located, was more positive in his outlook.

"The county commission is looking at this proposal, and looking at all the safety issues," he said. "Our decisions will be made on scientific input, and we hope to determine what is safe, what isn't, what is real, what is imaginary."

The commission's main concern, after determining whether the proposal is safe, is to help citizens to better their lives, Griffith said.

He said the nuclear mistakes of the past, such as the Dow Winters operation and Yucca flats testing, has made the issue unpopular.

"Just because that happened in the past doesn't mean that something like this will be the same," Griffith said. "Too many political leaders across the nation are using this issue for a political football. They say what is politically popular, whether it is valid or not."

Northard contends that the PFS proposal is safe.

"It is in fact safe," he said. "Radiation is a part of everyday life. There is nothing to fear if it is managed."

Northard said radiation as a tool is often overlooked, especially in the roles it plays in common medicine.

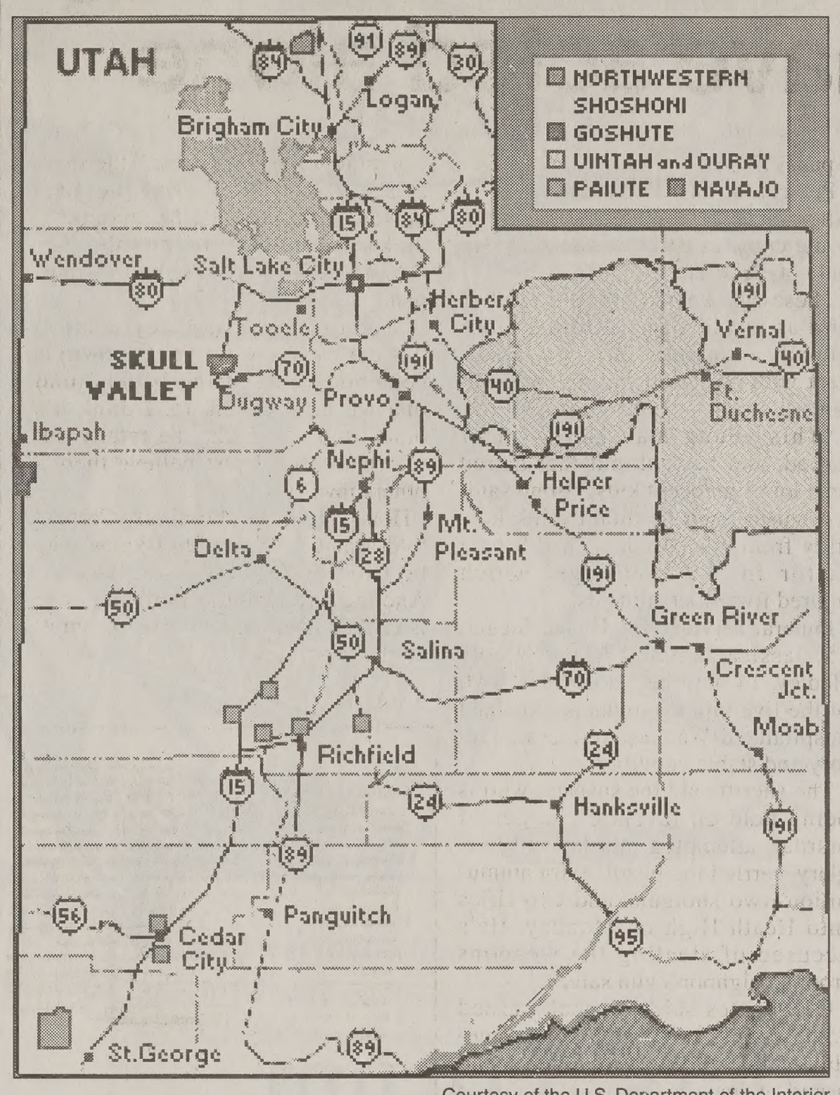
The ironic aspect of the project is that the land for the proposal has already been leased. Also, according to Northard, since reservation lands are treated as separate states in the Constitution, there is no legal jurisdiction for either the county or the state on the agreement.

"We have chosen to go to Tooele County and work with them," Northard said. "They have no legal jurisdiction. PFS could have chosen not to work with them, and to comply with Federal regulations. But it doesn't make sense to ignore our neighbors."

Tribe members are looking forward to the agreement with PFS, said Beverly Slack, who works in the economic development office at the Goshute reservation, in a Nov. 18 interview.

"People on the reservation definitely do want to have economic development," she said. "They see it as a boon for infrastructure that would bring in health care, homes, housing, and as something they need to run their government and help themselves."

The toll-free number for community comment at PFS is 1-888-701-8585.



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The treaty requires signatories to destroy their stockpiles of mines within four years and remove deployed mines within 10 years.

Major holdouts refusing to sign include the United States, Russia, China, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Libya, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Israel, North Korea, South Korea and Vietnam. Many of these countries sent observers who participated in discussions about mine clearance and other technical issues.

"We're part of this process," said Ambassador Karl Inderfurth, the chief U.S. observer, in an interview. "The United States is in a very special position, and other countries understand that."

The United States has said it could sign the treaty only if exemptions were made to protect its troops in Korea and allow continued use of its anti-tank munitions. Inderfurth said Clinton has asked U.S. defense officials to address both these problems with a tentative goal of signing the treaty in 10 years.

He estimated the world spends about $200 million a year on clearing mines and said they should be spending five times that to get the job done effectively.

U.S. supporters of the ban expressed dismay that their country was not part of Wednesday's celebrations.

"I'm extraordinarily disappointed the United States is not signing," said U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat from Vermont. "I'd have liked that more than anything else in my years in office."

During her speech, Williams introduced two Cambodians who have lost limbs to mines, Song Kosal, 13, and Tun Channareth, 37. Channareth helps manufacture wheelchairs for mine victims. Cambodia is one of the world's most heavily mined countries.

Song Kosal was 8 years old when a mine blew off her leg while she was herding animals near her village.

"I am very happy — so many countries have come to sign the treaty so other little girls don't step on the mines," she said through an interpreter.

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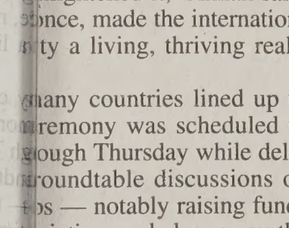

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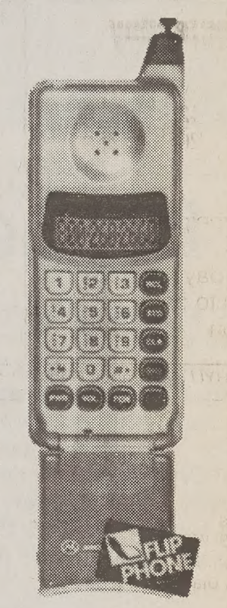

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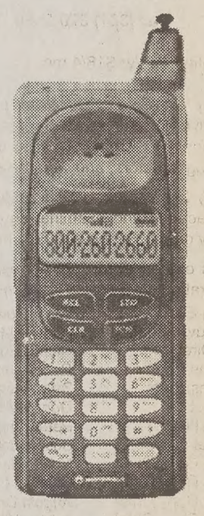

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OPINION

NewsNet means news now

On Feb. 4, 1945, at the palace of Czar Nicholas on the shore of the Black Sea, the "Big Three" came together to end World War II. Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin represented three distinct countries that had fought hard to defend their people. This meeting of the minds will always symbolize a union that will never be forgotten – a union many thought would never happen.

On Sept. 2, 1997, on the 5th floor of the Wilkinson, another "Big Three" came together in an integrated effort, which like Yalta, was unprecedented. The news media at BYU joined together to begin an integrated newsroom. The Daily Universe, KBYU-TV and KBYU-FM came together in a move designed to serve the best interests of the public. Each medium brought different backgrounds and different ways of reporting; however, each one also brought the same purpose of existence – to serve and inform the public. This was the beginning of BYU NewsNet.

Many historians call the conference at Yalta the beginning of the Cold War. Some BYU news staff also called the combined newsroom the beginning of another war just waiting to happen. After all, the three are really nothing alike, right? Wrong. Each serves the same purpose, and this semester has shown that all can work together to create positive change. No one ever said growing pains wouldn't come along the way, but the lessons learned and the vision waiting to be caught was well worth the price.

Additional players have also entered the game. With the increasing desire to more efficiently serve the public, came the concept of news-on-demand. NewsNet's website was designed to fill that demand. Now news at BYU is immediate. A new class of reporter, who can generate news stories for each medium, writes a story that goes directly on-line for public viewing. The Daily Universe, KBYU-TV and KBYU-FM then draw relevant stories from the web to further reach the public segments desiring a more traditional access to news. In addition, a CD-Rom yearbook called The Virtual Banyan has been created to help us better remember our BYU experience.

It all comes back to the importance of change. Change can be positive, if we let it be. Coming together in this effort has shown us there is much to learn and much to continue changing. If we remember our true purpose for existence, change will help us grow and bring us together.

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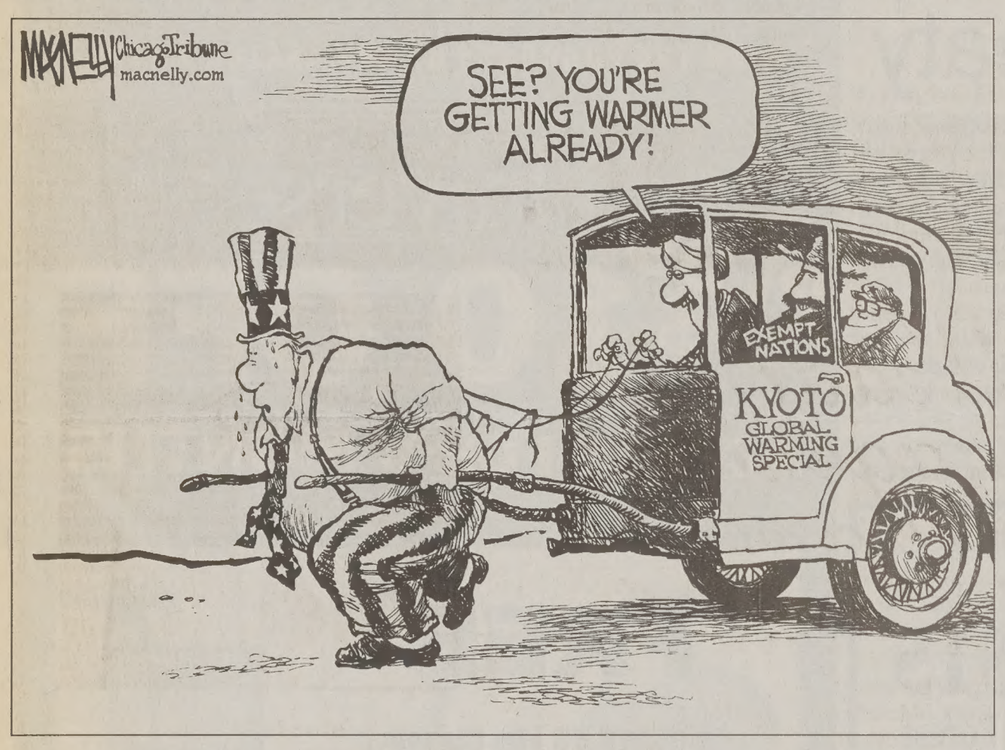


Blame rapist, not victim

by Christina Kemeny

Associate Photo Editor

Like many of you, I was incredibly distressed upon learning that a fellow student was raped. As a member of the Utah County Rape Crisis Team, I've known for quite some time the hard reality of rape in Provo, which is that a great many Provo/Orem residents, and, yes, even BYU students, are raped every year in our area. Since January, the Utah County Rape Crisis Team has helped more than 131 rape victims in Utah County, which shows that BYU is not as safe as some would have you believe. Sgt. Bob Eyre was quoted in the Daily Universe on Tuesday as saying, "BYU is one of the safest campuses in the United States." This statement is misleading, as it is based on the number of rapes that actually occur on campus. The reality is that most rapes don't take place in the bushes outside the JKHB, or on Maesar Hill; they take place in students' apartments, houses, or cars.

Believing that BYU is one of the safest places in the U.S. gives Provo residents a false sense of security. Believing too, as many of you do, that the rapist is a "shady" character, someone who lurks around in shadows and in bushes, furthers this false sense of security.

While it is certainly true that many rapists do lurk around in bushes, the great majority of them (75 percent of reported rapes are date/acquaintance rapes) are people that you know. Because this is true, the solution to rape is not to simply get better lighting, walk home in large groups, or call your elder's quorum president for a ride. These, of course, are wise precautions. However, if we continue to offer these types of suggestions as "ways to prevent rape," thereby putting the responsibility of rape on women, we perpetuate the problem.

The profoundly damaging message that is being sent is " Women, you are responsible for making sure you are not raped." This message does not allow rapists to take responsibility for their actions. The message should be "Men, you are responsible for not raping" (my use of the word "women" here to refer to victims, and "men" to refer to rapists is due to the fact that approximately 90 percent of rape victims are women and 99 percent of rapists are men. I acknowledge that men are often victims as well).

Language is a powerful force in shaping our ideologies. The various ways in which we talk about rape both indicate and influence how we feel about it. Instead of preventing rape through teaching women self-defense, we should prevent rape by teaching men how to respect. Sunday night's rape victim writes in her editorial, "I am finally convinced not to walk home alone in the dark. Do we ever truly learn from others' mistakes?" It is not a mistake to walk home alone at any time. It is a "mistake" to rape someone.

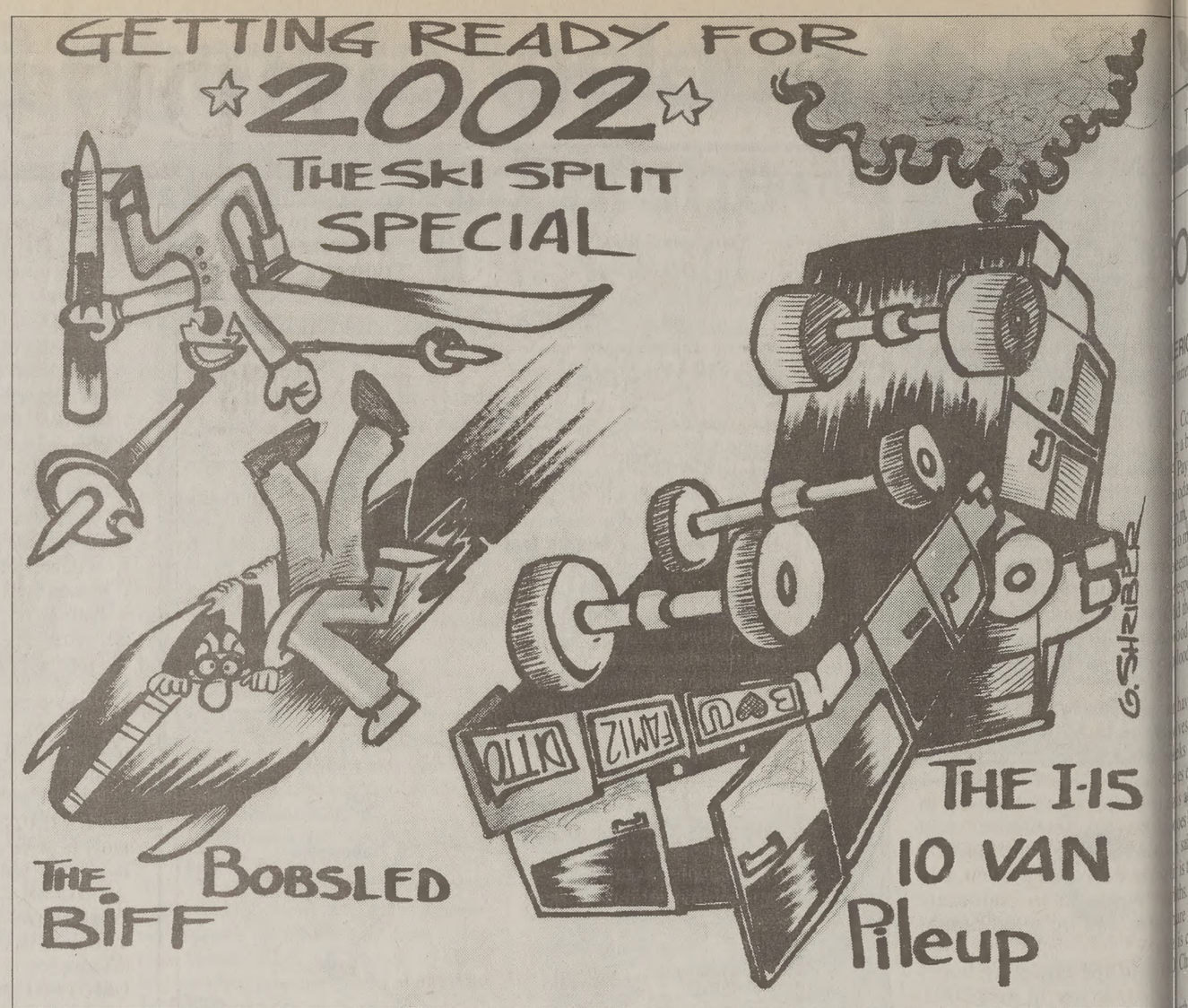
Some may argue that ideally, if we lived in a perfect world, we could actually send this message to perpetrators as a "way to prevent rape," but in the meantime, women need to be careful. I think, however, that there is always going to be a "meantime" as long as we continue to send this message. Until we start putting the blame on the rapist, where it belongs, this will be an imperfect world.

I am not advocating a total disregard for safety. I am merely saying that the solutions that are currently being proposed are simply not good enough and actually may be causing harm through the messages that they communicate.

In Tuesday's article, Mike Duff was quoted as saying, "I don't know a single guy that wouldn't be willing to walk with someone or give someone a ride." This may be a temporary solution; however, I don't know a single guy who would be willing to walk me home or give me a ride every day. Tonight, I may get a ride home or walk with a friend, but what about tomorrow, and the next day, and the day after that? Tomorrow, I will still be a woman.

If you have been raped, or know someone who has, or would just like some more information about it, you can call the 24-hour hotline at the Center for Women and Children in Crisis at 377-5500.

Kemeny is a semior from Troy, Mich. majoring in English.



Readers' Forum

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Protecting women

Warren Gilpin
Lenexa, Kan.

ROTC, BYU police and male volunteers valiantly guarded our statues and school monuments before the U of U game, but who's guarding our sisters? We have always been aware of the dangers surrounding Maeser Hill — why don't we solve this problem with the same level of intensity as we did protecting our precious statues? Yes, the statues are valuable and represent BYU, but how much more valuable is the safety and peace of mind of our sisters? Why do they have to risk their lives walking home from church or the testing center? A lot of good the emergency telephones do, if our sisters can't even get to them in time. How about some preventive measures? Let's get the BYU police away from its doughnuts, hot chocolate, and desks and out patrolling Maeser Hill, rather than just escorting between three to five girls a night. There are 15,000 males at BYU, and only 365 days in a year. Any student could volunteer one night, once in their whole BYU experience, and patrol the Hill. Taking time out of your schedule for one night could save someone from a lifetime of heartache and pain. We need to send a message that our women will not be attacked or frightened.

'Modest middle' to the U.N.

Justin Stoker
Tacoma, Wash.

For the past couple of days I have been reading about the U.N. in the Reader Forum. All I have seen are shots from the two extremes: the Marvelous U.N. and the evil U.N. I think there is a modest middle to it. I have followed the U.N. closely during the past five years. I participated in Model U.N. in Europe and have written several papers on the U.N.'s effectiveness. Now let me tell you how I feel.

First, I agree that the U.N. is helpful supervising elections in newly-democratic nations and maintaining a high standard of the world's exports, working conditions and airline safety, but there is a part of the U.N. that is more than it should be. Every year the U.S. puts the U.S. military into the hands of foreign commanders to serve interests, which don't necessarily belong to the U.S. Second, the U.S. spends an extreme amount of money on U.N. related operations. According to the U.N. Administrative Committee on Coordination Statistical Report, the U.N. received $1.836 billion from the U.S. government in 1995. A lot of this money went to "the regular U.N. budget," "specialized agencies," and other "programs" (Bureaus of International Organization Affairs and Public Affairs). This doesn't include the billions of dollars the U.S. spends for U.N. sponsored activities. Who knows how much of U.S. taxpayer dollars actually went to humanitarian work. On top of all this, the U.S. is more than a billion dollars in debt to the U.N. By the same afore-mentioned statistical report, we are giving almost three times the amount of money to the U.N. than any other nation besides Japan, who can't provide military assistance.

Are U.S. interests being represented or are they at risk. President Washington stated in his farewell address to the nation that we should "avoid entangling alliances." I agree that there needs to be an organization keeping the world safely together, but we can't let the U.N. turn into a powerful world government where everybody loses.

Can't force patriotism

Scott A. Witt
Cedar Hills

I realize my opinion is going to draw a lot of criticism, but I felt rather unimpressed by the concern of four patriotic students from Provo trying to call attention to my perceived lack of respect to the flag and country. They claim that my lack of obedience to this campus tradition indicates that I have taken the freedoms of my country for granted. I do not feel this is true. I am grateful to live in this country, which has sacrificed some of its best people to ensure that basic human rights are protected.

The problem I have is with the way the flag ceremony is conducted on this campus. It honestly seems to me like somebody is randomly walking up to me on the street and saying "Hey, stand here and respect the flag with me right now!" I was in Boy Scouts and participated in flag ceremonies, and as far as I remember, everyone was participating voluntarily. I like to participate in such ceremonies. I am glad to stand and respect the flag in sporting events or holiday parades, when it is customary to do so. I hope that it gives me and others participating the chance to reflect and be thankful for the price paid for our freedoms. However, I feel anything but patriotic when I'm on my way somewhere and suddenly the national anthem blasts out from a loud speaker, and everyone within earshot must stop and face the unseen flagpole like some fundamentalist cult.

I would be more inclined to attend a ceremony on campus that was at the flagpole where people could freely attend. Maybe this could include a trumpet or small brass ensemble playing the national anthem, as long as it was dignified and limited to those wanting to participate.

Anyway, just because somebody fifty years ago thought it was a good idea to impose patriotism on the students by making them stop every morning on their way to school and face the loud speakers, doesn't mean it is a correct tradition. Real patriotism comes by choice, not by guilt.

Parking problem hits home

Kendra Portlock
Orlando, Fla.

The parking problem at BYU and in Provo has once again hit home — literally. I am a tenant of an apartment complex on the corner of 700 North and 100 East. Each unit houses four people. We only have one designated parking space per apartment. The rest of us have to find parking on the public streets. Recently, Provo City sent a letter to each landlord stating that because of Provo City parking regulations (which "requires" one parking space for each tenant) there are too many people living in each unit and that one must be kicked out by Jan. 2, 1998, in order to reduce the amount of cars parked on the side streets.

Excuse me? They want to reduce street parking? Now people living close to campus are being forced to seek housing farther away. They will have to drive to campus, overflow campus lots and fill up public streets in the area Provo City is trying to clear out in the first place.

If Provo is so concerned about street parking, maybe the council should talk with BYU and see if there is a better solution to the problem than what they have currently decided. The Y lots on the outskirts of campus require a permit to park between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The rest of the time would be free except that from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. parking is restricted to everyone. Why? Apparently, BYU does not want to be held responsible for damage done to cars during that time. Fine. Then let me sign a form waiving their responsibility so that I can park my car in the evenings and leave it there overnight. Why must 25 percent of our tenants have their contracts broken and be forced to find comparable housing on such short notice (right before finals and the holidays) when there really can be adequate parking? We just need Provo City to explore the options a little more before making such a rash decision. The thing that I find most ironic about the whole situation is that the solutions being offered at present are only magnifying the parking problem.

Women shouldn't live

Melissa Woodbury
New York

In her letter to The Daily Universe, BYU student rape victim states all of t which she could have avoided her attac

Unfortunately, she, like many vic places the blame of the horrible crime against her. She was not raped be chose, like any other person would give the time to a stranger — no per feel it necessary to turn and run every she encounters a strange face. She wa as a result of walking home by herse person should have the right to feel sa by themselves at a decent hour. She because someone chose to commit a Unfortunately, many people believe th in which to stop rape from occurring i the freedom of possible victims (most women). However, women should n compromise the basic right of all peo cise independence. Although I belie buddy system has its place, a person c cessfully live a full life if they are un anywhere alone. Perhaps if the just treated rape as the serious crime tha jailed, for life, those who victim through this violent act, men would t before attacking women. Until this cri ed more seriously, rapists will contin no matter how careful their victims are

Ask humor committe

Pat Bagley
"Pat and Kirby Go to Hell" co

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'Add to the 'BYU expe

Gretchen Knell
Brad Jones
Robyn Stirling
Marcie Ball
Kaysville

A few weeks ago President Hinckl our campus and presented a me focused on the BYU experience. This rience each one of us dip into and tak do each of us add to this BYU experi ing it will continue for others? We po tion: what are we individually doing t to this BYU experience? We offer a t tions. Have you ever walked acro crossing paths with hundreds upon h students and not even acknowledged with a smile or a friendly hello? We this and know this kind of attitude do tribute to the BYU experience. A sm is a small act that largely contributes experience for others as well as oursel

Participating in countless activities campus clubs, supporting the year rou events, various concerts and plays BYU students and supporting servic are another of the many ways we BYU experience, all the while ad own.

We realize that the BYU experie existent as far as each of us is will tribute to it. As each of us take from ence, we hope the motivation is there tribute to this experience, ensuring it ue for the hundreds and thousands of to attend this campus.

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ood drive back for more

ERIC ANDERSON
iverse Staff Writer

Community Service is a blood drive in conjunc- ayson's Mountain View oday and Friday from 9 m. This is the third blood months.

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"Bone marrow is race specific. I am Italian and there is no way I could donate for a Mexican," Cimarusti said.

Few minority types are registered at the Minnesota registry. This is why today's bone marrow drive is geared toward minorities.

According to the NMDP fact sheet, since its inception the NMDP has facilitated 5,000 transplants; however, only 590 of those have been for ethnic minorities.

According to a fact sheet, the donor gives 5 percent of his or her bone marrow from the pelvic bone. The marrow is then given to the patient intravenously. Bone marrow automatically knows which bone to go to and starts reproducing itself.

Finding a matching bone marrow type for patients who need a marrow transplant is vital, Cimarusti said.

"I had a brother that passed away from leukemia about a year ago. We were scared that we wouldn't be able to find a match," he said. Fortunately, one of Cimarusti's older brothers' bone marrow types matched. The transplant was a success, but Cimarusti's brother had a relapse about six months later and died.

"There were those in the hospital with him that also had leukemia and didn't find a match. They died within a couple of months," Cimarusti said.

Cimarusti and other members of CAG have been actively recruiting minorities to participate in today's bone marrow drive. He said about 100 have committed to attend, but they would love more.

"The cost of analyzing blood and finding the bone marrow type is $65 a person," he said. But finding bone-marrow types among minorities is so important to the registry, they are paying for all the lab costs.

MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is marrow?

Marrow makes blood cells and even looks like blood, but is just a little thicker. It is produced inside your bones and can be removed with a syringe and donated to patients with fatal diseases. Donating marrow won't affect your health, and it replaces itself in just a few weeks.

Who needs marrow transplants?

Each year, more than 30,000 new patients are diagnosed with leukemia, aplastic anemia or 60 other fatal diseases. For many, their only chance for survival is a marrow transplant.

Does it hurt when you donate marrow?

You won't feel any pain when the marrow is removed because anesthesia is used. But you may feel some soreness for about a week after you donate.

What happens to my health if I donate marrow?

Because only a small fraction of your total marrow is collected, your body replaces it within weeks. In the meantime, neither your health nor blood is affected in any way.

How can I make a difference?

A simple blood test determines your tissue type. As soon as your tissue type is added to the NMDP Registry, you've already made a difference to the 2,000 patients and their families searching the list every day. You give them renewed hope for a matched donor.

Who pays for the costs?

All donor expenses are paid by the NMDP and then billed to the patient and transplant center. Even the initial blood tests for Asian/Pacific Islanders are covered.

Source: National Marrow Donor Program Fact Sheet

Former professor's funeral today

Universe Services

A retired BYU art professor's funeral services will be today at 11 a.m.

Warren Bingham Wilson died Monday at the age of 77. He taught at BYU for 29 years before retiring in 1983.

The funeral service will be conducted in an LDS chapel at 1038 N. 1200 East (Cherry Lane).

Wilson was born Nov. 4, 1920, in Farmington. He grew up in Logan and attended Utah State University where he graduated with a B.S. in education.

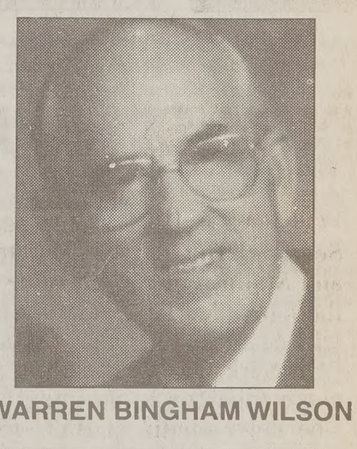
He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Wilson earned his master's degree in fine arts from the University of Iowa in 1949.

Wilson was a Scoutmaster for 30 years and was awarded both the Provo Peak and Silver Beaver scouting awards.

He served an LDS mission to Nauvoo, Ill.

He is survived by seven children, 33 grandchildren and five great-grand children.



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At-a-Glance

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Ryan Martin West
Jennifer Lynn Slothower

Jennifer L. Slothower, duaghter of Dennis and Debbie Slothower was married to Ryan M. West, son of Judd and Linda West on November 15, 1996 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Their reception was held that evening at the Colonial House in Lehi, UT.

Jennifer is a junior at BYU as a pre-dental major. Ryan served his mission in Honduras, San Pedro Sula Mission and is junior at BYU majoring in Psychology.

Bridal Attendants were Becky Thompson, Rebecca West, Angie Slothower, Amy Slothower, Amy Wesy and Jennifer West.

Groom's Attendants were Jason West, Brian Hoelzer, Beau Adamson, and Jeremy Smith

They went on their honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico. They are expecting their first child in December 1997.

alth center gets new doctor

RAH L. OSTLER
verse Staff Writer

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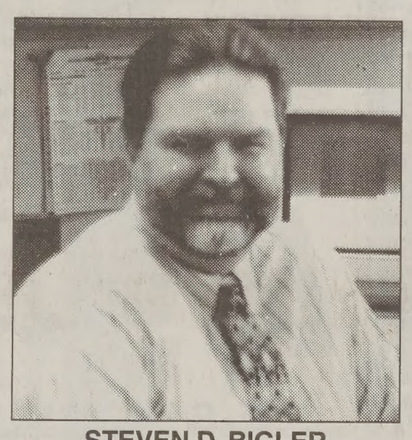
He completed his postdoctoral training at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix and was an assistant resident from 1976 to 1978 and chief resident from 1978 to 1979.

He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology.

Besides being a doctor, Bigler has many other special talents. He has written and recorded an album now out on compact disc. It is called "Love (and War!)." He also enjoys writing country/western and rock music.

In the summertime, when he is not riding motorcycles, he coaches a baseball summer league. He also loves to play chess, do crossword puzzles and play classical music on the piano.

Bigler and his wife, Colleen, have six children and have lived in the Provo/Orem area for 19 years.



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Communists and minorities topic of international forum

By FRED HEATH
Universe Staff Writer

Issues pertaining to the minority races of China and overcoming differences through working with the government were discussed Wednesday during The International Forum Series.

The series is sponsored by the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies.

The guest speaker was Wu Yiye, professor of Chinese history at Nanjing University in China. Yiye's remarks were entitled "The Policy of China's Communist Party Toward the Minority Peoples."

Yiye said he is one part of China's 56 different classes of minority races.

"I hope my western friends will understand that every year and every month there are minority disputes, not because of racism or ethnic prejudice, but through misunderstandings with the government," Yiye said.

There are four broad types of minorities in China, Yiye said. There are those who are born in China, border peoples, some who come to China because of commerce and a conglomeration of minorities who all believe in Islam. This is the group Yiye said he belongs to.

In the 1920s the Chinese Communist Constitution followed the format of Stalin. In the 1950s, minorities had their own freedoms in selected regions, Yiye said.

"These were areas where minorities could live normally," Yiye said. "There are five great regions, similar to American states, for minorities."

Examples of these five regions are the Mongolian and Tibet regions.

The designated areas for the minorities of China are not truly autonomous, Yiye said. In fact, some areas are only semi-autonomous and other areas do not have the resemblance of any freedom at all, he said.

Yiye said the keys to solving this problem involve three different things.

"First, we need true democracy and freedom in the selected autonomous regions," Yiye said.

The other two ways to overcome the inequalities in China, Yiye said, are to improve the living standards and to educate these areas so they can provide their own educators.

Chinese Professor Wu Yiye, right, speaks through a translator at the Kennedy Center's International Forum Series. Yiye titled his remarks "The Policy of Chinese Communist Party Toward Minority Peoples."

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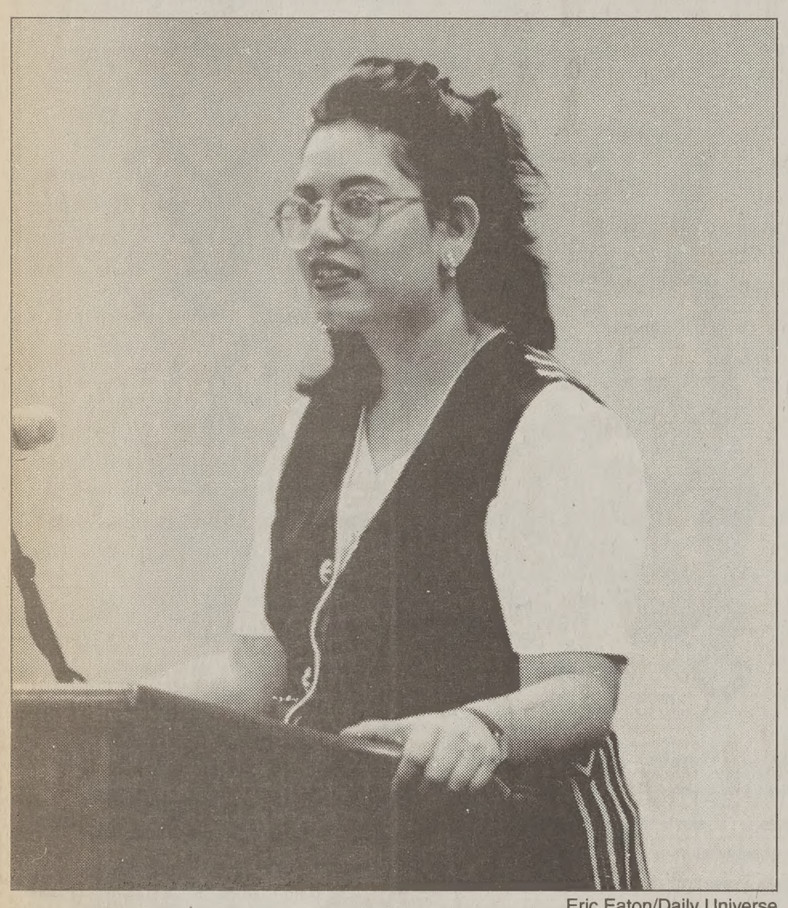

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Minu Gupta talks about her conversion from Hinduism to the LDS Church during a symposium Wednesday sponsored by Multicultural Student Services.

International student discusses conversion

By CLAUDIA LORENZANA
Universe Staff Writer

Overcoming the obstacles of converting from Hinduism to Christianity was the topic of Wednesday's symposium sponsored by Multicultural Student Services.

Minu Gupta, a BYU graduate student from Bangkok, Thailand, and feature speaker at the symposium, shared her experiences leaving her Hindu background and coming to BYU.

"Since the ninth grade, it was my dream to come to the United States," Gupta said.

Gupta's Hindu mother and Greek Orthodox father said the only way they would allow Gupta to come to the United States was if she went to BYU, which her parents knew had a strict honor code.

The first few weeks at BYU, Gupta had no idea the university was affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After being told by her peers, Gupta began learning about the LDS Church and was soon meeting with the missionaries.

Gupta said she felt pressured to join the LDS Church at first, and several years passed before she was willing to meet with the missionaries again.

After going to the LDS Church with her friends, Gupta said she realized she got a peaceful feeling whenever she was there. She immediately called the missionaries, heard all six discussions in one day and was baptized in November 1996.

Gupta said becoming a member of the LDS Church has had a positive effect on her life. However, there have been many obstacles she has had to face.

Because of the strong beliefs of her mother and father, Gupta is now waiting for the right moment to tell her family she has joined the LDS Church.

Gupta made several suggestions on how BYU students can help international students adapt the differences in culture and religion.

Gupta said students should sit down and listen to the international students talk about their culture. She also said to not push religion on the new students, and remember to be patient and considerate.

The symposium was part of East Indian Awareness month.

Phi Kappa Phi sponsors contest for best student research paper

By HILARY ROSS
Universe Staff Writer

BYU undergraduate students may submit research papers written during 1997 for a paper competition sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi.

To be considered for an award, papers must be nominated by a BYU faculty member or administrator and must be accompanied by a completed nomination form.

Papers submitted should be from academic research and written in conjunction with any regular class, including independent research classes. Papers should be eight to 30 pages in length. Multiple-authored papers may be submitted.

Phi Kappa Phi officers will sort the papers according to the college for which the paper was written and by the class level of the student who wrote the paper. Class levels will be divided into three groups — freshmen/sophomores, juniors and seniors.

A committee will be appointed in each college to select the best papers from the coileges at each class level. Each selected paper will be judged by a university-wide committee composed of faculty who are Phi Kappa Phi members. Committee members will read and select the best overall paper at each class level.

Each author or author team of the winning papers will receive $150 and a certificate from Phi Kappa Phi. Winners will be invited to give an oral presentation of the paper at an awards forum in March.

The selection of best student papers from each college will be listed on the program for the special awards forum. Those students will also be invited to a luncheon held in conjunction with the awards forum.

The names of the authors and the titles of the three winning papers will be inscribed and displayed on a permanent plaque in the Harold B. Lee Library to honor the winners.

"The whole purpose of Phi Kappa Phi and the writing contest is to encourage excellence in writing," said Connie Lamb, special projects officer for Phi Kappa Phi. "We've had several winning papers be submitted for publication."

Papers and nomination forms should be submitted to the Honors Advisement Center, 102A MSRB by Jan. 31, 1998. To obtain nomination forms and criteria sheets or to receive more information, contact Lamb in 4226 HBLL or call 378-6196.

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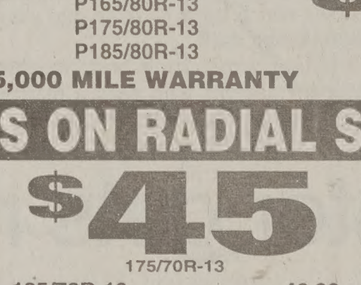
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Painting by ...rva Teichert

Art exhibit features religious history

By EMELY ARROYO
Universe Staff Writer

The Museum of Art is featuring a free exhibition of a Western artist who captured the Book of Mormon history in her paintings.

"That He Who Runs, May Read: Minerva Teichert's Book of Mormon Paintings," may be seen from Dec.4 until May 16, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

The show includes 44 of Teichert's murals and several of her preliminary oil sketches. While many of the paintings come from the museum's collection, some oil sketches also come from collectors and family members.

Minerva Teichert was born in Utah and lived most of her life in Idaho and Wyoming. As a child she decided she wanted to be a painter and raised enough money to send herself to two of the nation's best art schools — the Art Students League in New York and the Art Institute in Chicago.

"She was a pioneer as a woman artist in Western America ... and felt it was her mission to paint the Mormon story," said Paul Anderson, head of design at the Museum of Art. "All of her life she wanted to paint all the scenes from the Book of Mormon that had never been painted before, and she painted them in a spontaneous, energetic style she learned in New York."

In 1946 Teichert began painting oil sketches and finished her murals of the Book of Mormon history in 1952.

"She donated all her murals to BYU," Anderson said. "One of Teichert's greatest achievements was that out of her imagination and creative study, she created an exotic and dramatic setting for the Book of Mormon stories." Anderson said Teichert had a tremendous imagination that captured human emotions in many of her paintings.

"One painting shows Lehi's family on cattle leaving Jerusalem," Anderson said. "It shows Nephi, Lehi and Sam looking steadfastly into the desert while Laman and Lemuel are looking back to Jerusalem. It shows how this family is divided and caught in the middle is Sariah."

A one-woman theatrical performance based on the life and letters of Teichert will be performed in the museum's Cannon galleries on Mondays at 7 and 8 p.m. For tickets, contact the ticket office in the HFAC.

Christmas Carol' ...lights audiences

Theater Review

...IMOTHY KENNEDY
...Universe Staff Writer

...ale Center Theatre in Salt ...ty is presenting its 13th ... production of Charles ...' holiday classic "...istmas Carol" ... Dec. 23.

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While Wilkins shines as the main character, he is complemented nicely by a talented supporting cast. Each cast member contributes to the success of the play.

The Hale Center Theatre provides a wonderful setting for this classic play. The sets are cleverly dispersed throughout the theater, allowing the audience to become a part of the production. In addition, the characters' expressions are clearly visible from anywhere in the theater.

While the production company deserves the credit for putting together a quality play, the real power is in the story. Charles Dickens has produced a story that is full of hope, repentance and redemption. This story provides a picture of the Christmas and Christian Spirit and how it can transform a man.

Tickets for the play are $11 for adults, $9 for children, Monday through Thursday. Weekend rates are slightly higher.

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THEATER — MUSICAL: The Villa Playhouse Theatre, 254 S. Main, Springville, will present "Nutcracker: The Musical" at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this classic holiday story are $5-$8. Call 489-3088 for more information. The show will run through Dec. 29.

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SDSU win seems hard to remember

By DAVID FUHRIMAN
Universe Sports Writer

For BYU basketball and its fans, San Diego seemed a long ways away Tuesday night.

Since its win against San Diego State to open the regular season, BYU has lost four straight by an average of almost 14 points per game, with three of those losses coming in the Marriott Center. But Penn State head coach Jerry Dunn felt the Cougars are going to be just fine this year.

"This team is obviously playing with more confidence than last year," Dunn said. "They haven't been able to finish things in this stretch of the schedule, but I think they're going to be tested and ready for the WAC conference. They've got guys that can shoot the basketball, and they've got guys that can score inside. I like their basketball team."

TURNING POINT

With only 35 seconds remaining in the second half, the Cougars were down 28-20 and had the ball with the opportunity to cut the Penn State lead to six or even five points. With two seconds left and BYU playing for the last shot, Penn State stole the ball and hit a 35-footer at the buzzer to go into halftime with an 11-point lead.

INJURY UPDATE

Junior guard Brian Dignan, who began the season in the starting lineup, has been hampered by a sprained foot and did not suit up for the Penn State game. "He's day-to-day," BYU head coach Steve Cleveland said. "I didn't play him tonight because he's hurting, and I won't play him Saturday night if he's still hurting. We need him healthy. I hope he'll be ready to play against Boise State."

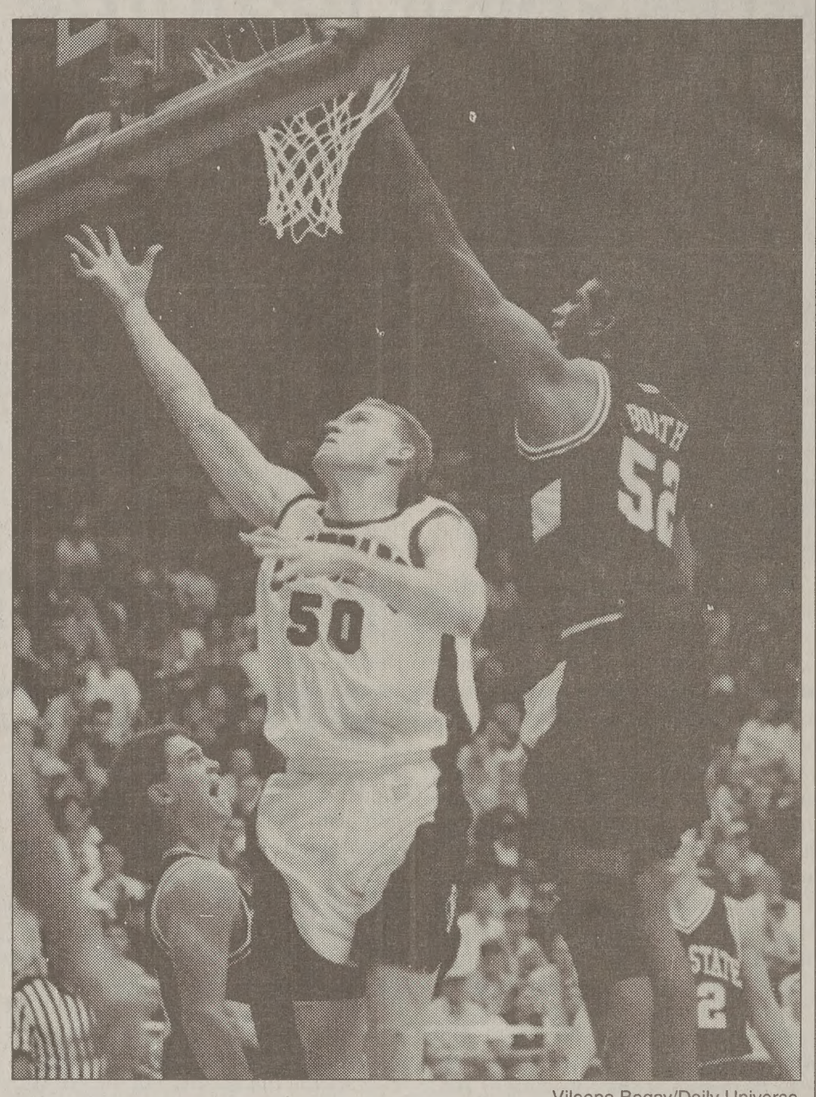
Junior guard Lance Archibald returned Tuesday night after a stress fracture had him listed as day-to-day for the beginning of the season. He began his year with a bang, draining the first three-pointer he took and ending with seven points on the night.

SHOOTIN' WOES

After shooting over 50 percent from the field in its opening win against San Diego State, BYU's shooting percentage has dropped to a dismal 38 percent for the season. The Cougars shot better from the three-point line — 28 percent — than their 26 percent clip from inside the arch Tuesday night. Their free-throw shooting wasn't much better, as the Cougars went 14-of-25 from the line.

BETTER DAYS?

Cleveland is looking to the Boise State game as a possible turnaround point for the team. "It's going to be a ballgame in which we should be able to compete," he said. "They beat Weber State by 25, so I don't quite know what to expect from them." The Broncos are 2-1, and will play one more game Wednesday night before hosting the Cougars.



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Justin Weidauer leaps for a rebound with Penn State's Calvin Booth on his back. The Cougars came up short Tuesday and hope to get back on the winning track Saturday at Boise State.

Sprewell attack fallou launches trade rumor

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Wednesday Latrell Sprewell sat out the first of his 10-game suspension following his attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo during practice Monday. He reportedly threatened to "kill" Carlesimo, grabbed him by the throat and landed a glancing punch to his neck in two separate confrontations minutes apart.

The suspension would cost Sprewell about $940,000 in salary. He has been banished from practices, games and other club events.

Carlesimo, the three-inch scar on his neck slowly starting to heal, said he won't even guess at Sprewell's future.

"I don't know the answer to this," he said. "I've stopped trying to figure out what's going to happen."

One thing that could happen is a trade.

The Warriors were continuing their efforts to trade Sprewell, although general manager Garry St. Jean acknowledged some teams may have been scared off by the attack.

"The negotiations and discussions are going forward. Nothing has escalated, though," St. Jean said. "I don't think anybody on our team is untouchable, so we're looking at a lot of things and trying to go forward in the process."

"I don't know if it's going to be a long time, but I'm not sure what a short time is," St. Jean said.

Sprewell has been unreachable by telephone, and his agent, Arn Tellem, failed to return phone calls.

Bill Hunter, executive director of the players' union, said he had spoken with Sprewell, Tellem and St. Jean and was trying to act as a "bridge" among them in reaching an accord.

League spokesman Brian McIntyre said the NBA was continuing its investigation Wednesday.

In addition to trading Sprewell, the team's options included terminating his four-year, $32 million contract signed two summers ago or trying to patch things up between player and coach.

The Warriors reportedly have been listening to offers for Sprewell from teams including Miami (for Jamal Mashburn or P.J. Brown and Dan Majerle), San Antonio (for Sean and Will Perdue), the Los A Clippers (for Brent Barry an Vaught) and Philadelphia (for Cl Weatherspoon and perhaps Stackhouse) since his dislik Carlesimo became public three ago.

One league source, speaking o dition of anonymity, said the D Pistons were exploring the poss of acting as a conduit for Sprewe three-way trade with the Spurs.

If Sprewell went to Miami, he be teamed again in the backcour Tim Hardaway. The two feuded licly when they were teammates Warriors, but Henry Th Hardaway's agent, said the two p have patched up their differences.

"It's going to be very different on the floor when you lose a who's as much a focal point offe ly as Spree is," said Carlesimo said the furor caused by the in has made it hard for him to fin for routine coaching chores.

Carlesimo said he hoped fan other observers would not dra much from Wednesday night's against Cleveland, the team's firs Sprewell was suspended. The W entered the game with a 1-13 rec

"I think there'll be an unfort rush to analyze today's game barometer to the impact on this he said. "People should not l conclusions too soon."

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Women's basketball team wings to Midwest tourney

By HEATHER REEVES
Universe Sports Writer

A road victory is just what the doctor prescribed as the women's basketball team is headed for some tough competition in Columbia, Mo., for the Mid-America Classic hosted by the University of Missouri.

"We got a good road win on Monday and we'd like to carry that momentum to this tournament," said head coach Trent Shippen.

The Cougars begin the tournament facing the University of New Orleans Privateers. UNO is 1-3 for the season and finished 16-12 for the 1996-97 season. This gave the Privateers a third place finish in the Sun Belt Conference, their best finish since joining the league in 1991. UNO is used to facing tough competition. Nearly a third of the Privateers' schedule was against NCAA Tournament teams and they defeated nationally ranked Louisiana Tech 66-63.

BYU will need to keep its eyes on New Orleans forward Jenny Anderson and point guard Janet Fugiel.

Anderson was the leading scorer for the Privateers, was named second team all-Louisiana and became the first sophomore since the 1986-87 season to lead the team in scoring and rebounding. Anderson averages 14.7 points per game and 7.6 rebounds per game. Her presence on the court will be a major factor in the game.

Last year Fugiel started all 28 games as a newcomer to the squad and lead the team with 103 assists for the season. Stopping Fugiel's passing game will be essential for a Cougar win.

"We want to make sure we win the first game so we can position ourselves to be in the championship game," Shippen said.

Once the Cougars finish up with the Privateers they will move on to either Missouri or UNC Charlotte. BYU has played Missouri four previous years and Missouri has taken all four games, yet BYU faces a brand new opponent in UNC Charlotte.

Missouri is headed into the tournament with several advantages over BYU. Advantage number one: BYU has never beat Missouri. Advantage number two: Missouri is playing on their home court. Advantage number three: Missouri's current season record is 4-0 and the Tigers have not traveled from home to capture any of these wins, which enhances the home court advantage.

The Tar Heels are bringing three starters from last year's squad into the tournament and they're bringing their 15-1 Atlantic Coast Conference record from last year with them.

The Cougars are looking to go above the .500 level and start the rest of their positive season with this tournament. Captains Kari Gallup and Barbi Carmichael are the ones to lead the team into a victorious season. Gallup is shooting 100 percent from the line, putting her first in the WAC. Carmichael is second in the WAC with 62 percent field goal average. The Cougars first game against New Orleans begins at 6 p.m. on Friday.

Swim teams set to challenge for Speedo Invitational crown

By LESLIE ARMSTRONG
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU men's and women's swimming teams head to Long Beach, Calif., this week for their final competition of the Fall Semester.

Both teams will be competing at the Belmont Plaza in Long Beach in the annual Speedo Cup Invitational, Thursday-Saturday.

Women's swim coach Stan Crump said he is expecting a competitive weekend but is also expecting to do well. "Historically, this is a very competitive meet," Crump said. "Even with the strong competition, we look to be in the top five when it's all over."

The "strong competition" includes some WAC schools, along with what Crump calls "traditional swim powerhouses," such as UCLA and Stanford. Also, some club teams will be competing at the meet.

Sophomore Christine Merrell said the Speedo Cup Invitational is a good "trials and finals meet." It is a championship format, similar to the format at the WAC conference meet and nationals. All competitors swim in the morning events, and the top 32 times qualify for evening competition. The top 24 times of each evening event receive points.

Each day, preliminaries will begin at 9 a.m. for the women and noon for the men. Finals will begin at 6 p.m.

Junior Brad Parsons said the format of the meet is also good preparation for the WAC championship meet that will be in San Antonio, Texas, in March. "We've rested for the meet, and we're expecting very fast times," Parsons said. "These times should give us a good idea of how we will do at the Conference meet."

Merrell said the women's team is expecting impressive times as well. "We're not going there to win. We're going to get best times for the season, and some are going to try to qualify for nationals," she said.

Crump said the warm weather in California and the opportunity to swim at sea level should be advantages for the swimmers, and he is expecting those advantages to lead to some impressive times.

Junior Sarah McKeever is expected to lead the women's team, while the men are led by freshman Arunas Savickas and senior Byron Shefchik. McKeever is the women's team captain and has helped lead the team to a perfect winning record this year with consecutive wins in her events. Savickas and Shefchik have helped the men's team achieve its perfect record also. Both swimmers have set BYU pool records this season and are expected to improve their national rankings this weekend.

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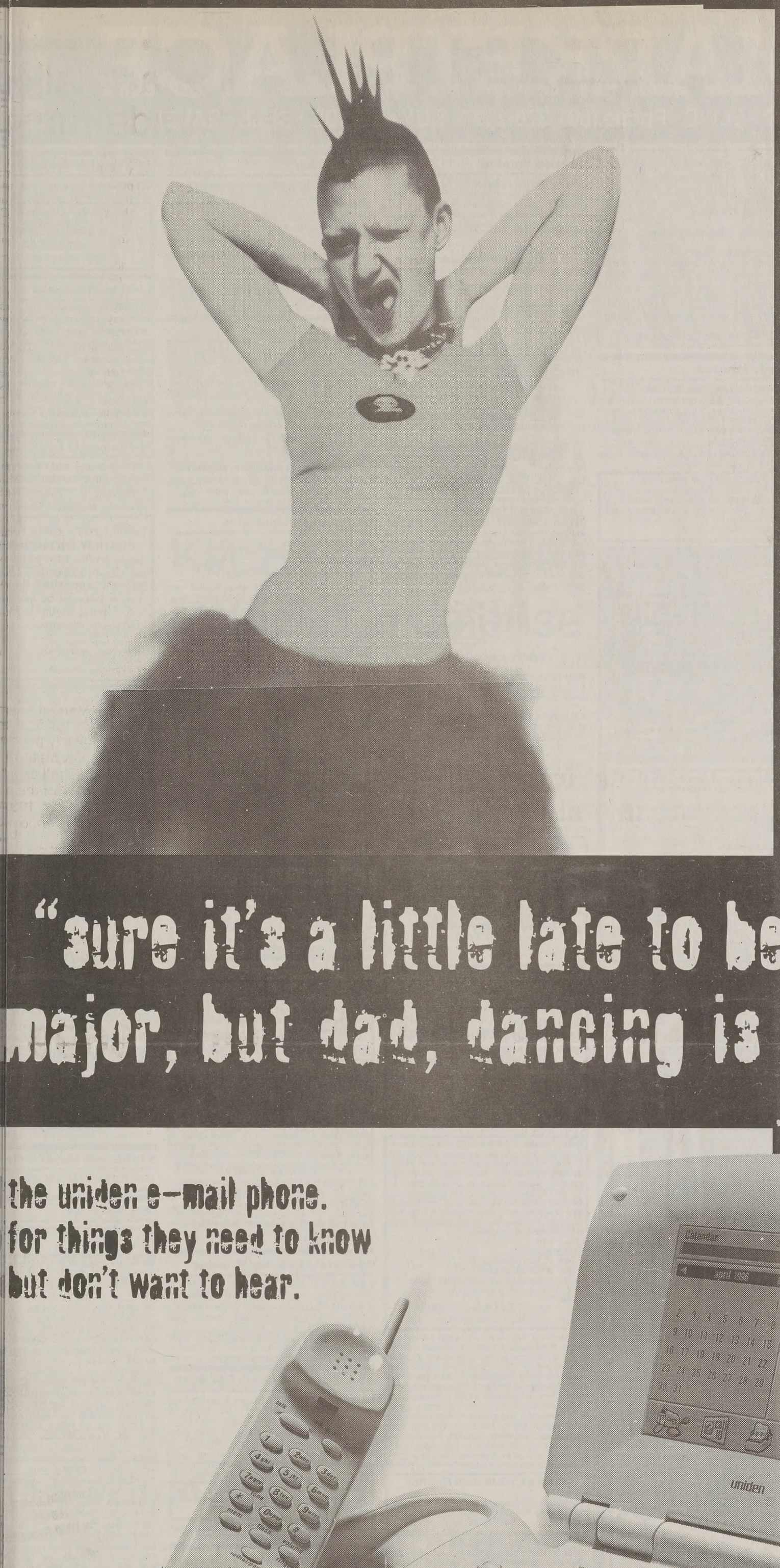

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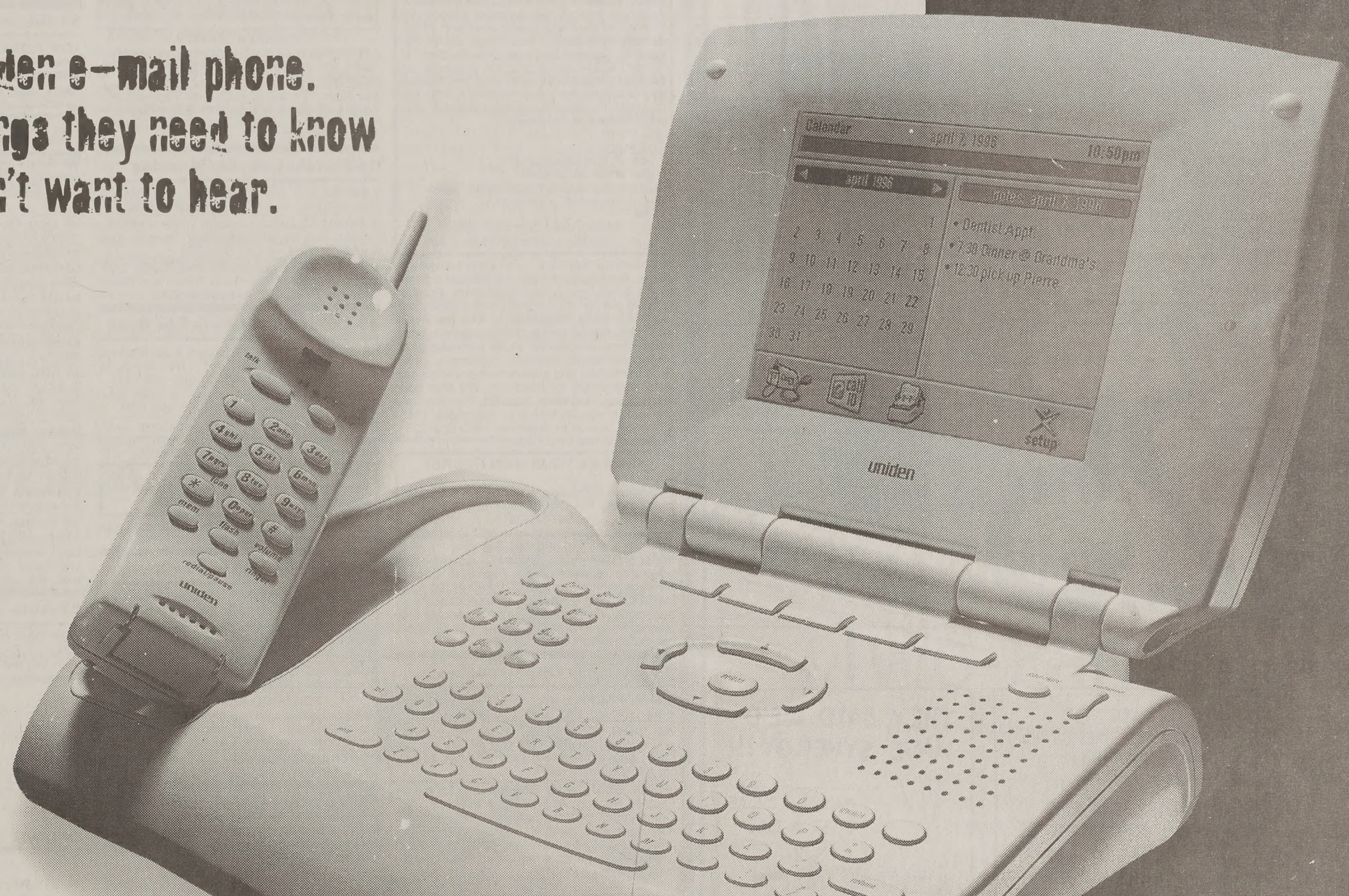

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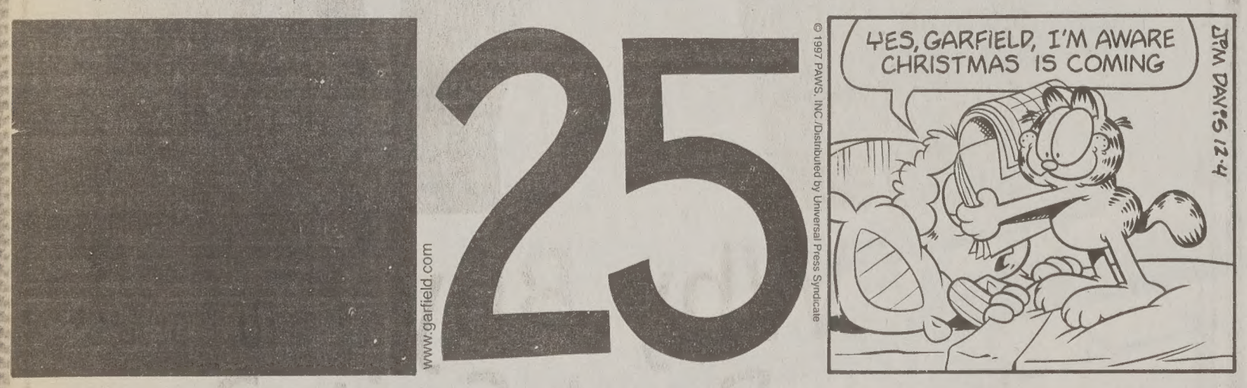
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Clinton begins program to defeat racial divide

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — In a blunt exchange on racial tensions, President Clinton praised a college student Wednesday who admitted that seeing a poorly dressed black man on the street makes him "a little bit scared."

"That's a pretty gutsy thing for you to admit," Clinton told Jonathan Morgan, a white University of Akron student who joined eight other panelists at a presidential town hall meeting on race relations.

"But that's the kind of thing we have to get out on the table," Clinton told Morgan, saying he was proud of the young man.

The exchange was just what Clinton advisers hoped to produce by putting the media savvy president on a stool, microphone in hand, in front of a hand-picked audience instructed to talk frankly about the nation's racial divide.

Following months of deliberately avoiding tense racial issues, Clinton hoped the meeting would provide the candor needed to jump-start his laggard program for racial reconciliation.

After opening remarks in which he unveiled a new education initiative, Clinton left the lectern and sat on the stool, then told his audience: "Forget about all these people who are out there staring at you.

"When this is over, I want you to do this all over again at work and in other groups that you're in ... because what we're trying to do here is drop a pebble in a pond and have it reverberate all across the country."

Though Clinton and his panelists stuck largely to platitudes, there was some blunt talk.

D.J. Beatty, a black University of Akron student, said a poor white youth can put on a nice pair of clothes, go to the mall and look middle-class. "I can't change the color of my skin," he said.

Beatty strongly argued for affirmative action programs, getting a sympathetic ear from Clinton.

Morgan, the white student, said TV stars like Bill Cosby helped him to see blacks as equals. Other shows, however, have affected him differently, leading Morgan to admit that when he sees a poorly dressed black man, "I might be a little bit scared."

Clinton said blacks and whites should not be afraid to joke about their differences. His audience paid heed.

Ronald Fowler, a black pastor at the Arlington Church of God, joked, "We've never done country music well."

After the laughter subsided, Clinton quipped, "I'll probably get a wire from Charlie Pride this afternoon." Pride is a black country music singer.

In his opening remarks, Clinton announced plans to create "education opportunity zones" modeled along economic development zones. He wants to provide financial incentives to 15 to 25 poor school districts that adopt dramatic reforms such as closing bad schools and firing bad teachers.

"Yes, there is a public responsibility, but this country in the end rises or falls on the day-to-day activities of its ordinary citizens," he said.

The president moderated a 90-minute discussion with about 65 students and community leaders, the first in a series of such meetings.

An audience of about 3,000 watched the meeting at the University of Akron. Tickets were distributed privately through the university, local politicians and Coming Together, a local community group that has worked for better race relations.

The forum was broadcast on C-SPAN, and the White House said it was encouraging people to organize "watching parties" and have their own discussions.

Since Clinton announced his effort last June, neither he nor his advisers have taken up racial issues that are laced with tension, such as a proposed apology for slavery or California's ban on affirmative action.

The White House has moved in recent days to bring conservatives into the debate, hoping to spice it up, but it also continues to cling to an approach that avoids blunt confrontation.

The White House admitted Tuesday that it should have moved sooner to hear the voices of critics in planning the race effort. "It may have been more useful to bring ... folks like that into the mix earlier," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Tuesday, aides unveiled a public-service announcement aimed at getting youth ages 17-24 involved in Clinton's effort. It shows young people expressing general views on race with comments such as, "We can end prejudice if we talk to one another."

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Kaczynski's cabin included in defense

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Theodore Kaczynski's cabin began its 1,100-mile trip by truck from Montana Wednesday to be introduced by attorneys for the Unabomber suspect as evidence of his mental illness.

The flatbed truck carrying the 10-by-12-by-13-foot shack left Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls shortly before dawn. Officials would not say when it was to arrive in Sacramento, but defense attorneys predicted the journey would take three days.

The cabin was wrapped and loaded Tuesday at Malmstrom, where it has been stored since last year.

The defense is paying for the move. Kaczynski's attorneys want jurors to walk inside the shack, which will be stored at a former Air Force base, as part of the effort to show that Kaczynski suffers from mental illness.

"You've got to see this cabin to understand the way this man lived," defense lawyer Quin Denvir said outside court Tuesday.

FBI agents raided the shack outside Lincoln, Mont., in April 1996 when they tracked Kaczynski down after getting a tip from his brother. They found evidence they contend proves Kaczynski is the Unabomber, including writings and bomb components.

Tuesday, experts said Kaczynski's mental illness defense may falter if he doesn't agree to undergo neurological exams.

U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. has warned that unless Kaczynski agrees to the tests, psychiatric witnesses will likely be limited to interpreting the defendant's writings once testimony begins.

Experts said Tuesday that the writings alone are insufficient to prove that the math professor-turned-hermit is a paranoid schizophrenic, as the defense contends.

"I couldn't and wouldn't make a diagnosis that way," said Dr. Eugene Schoenfeld, a San Francisco-area forensic psychiatrist.

"It's not the best way to do it," added Paul Mattiuzzi, a forensic psychologist who works in Sacramento courts and the state prison system. "There's a real good chance you would not have enough information."

The issue of Kaczynski's mental health is the key to his defense, which will question whether he had legal intent to commit the Unabomber crimes. It is also key to avoiding the death penalty if he is convicted.

Prosecutors said government doctors were willing to submit questions for Kaczynski to answer in writing, or interview him by phone. The defendant refused both proposals. He was briefly examined by defense psychiatrists, but they said he dismissed them once they began probing too far.

The government contends Kaczynski, 55, is the Unabomber, the anti-technology terrorist suspected in a string of bombings that killed three people and injured 29 between 1978 and 1995. He is charged here with four bombings that killed two Sacramento men and injured two others.

He has pleaded innocent to all charges.

Jury selection resumed this morning with the questioning of a man who said he ran a driving school and would find service on the jury hard to reconcile with his teaching schedule.

The man said he was a death penalty supporter and believed Kaczynski was probably the Unabomber. "It would be inaccurate to say I didn't believe in my heart there must be something to these charges."

So far, 61 jury candidates are in the pool. Attorneys need at least 64 prospects before final challenges reduce the number to 12 and six alternates. A jury may be seated next week.

The writings of the Unabomber suspect made public so far don't show the delusions or hallucinations associated with schizophrenia, Mattiuzzi said.

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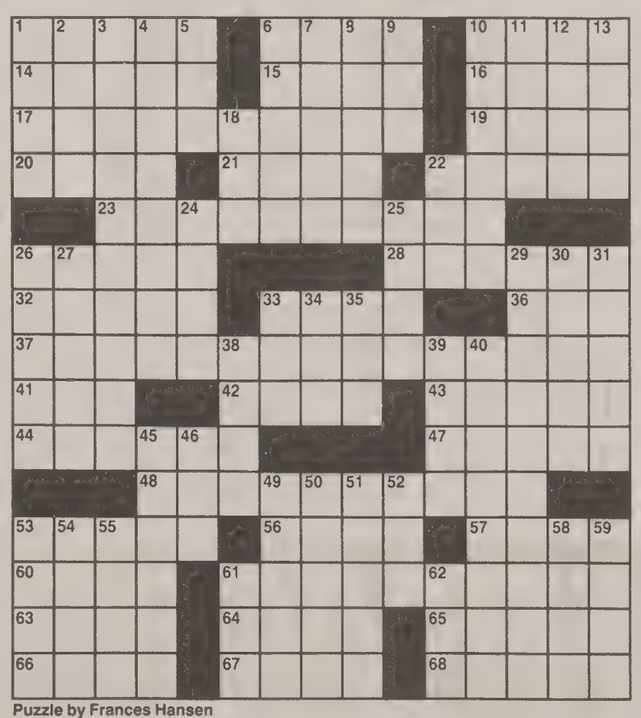

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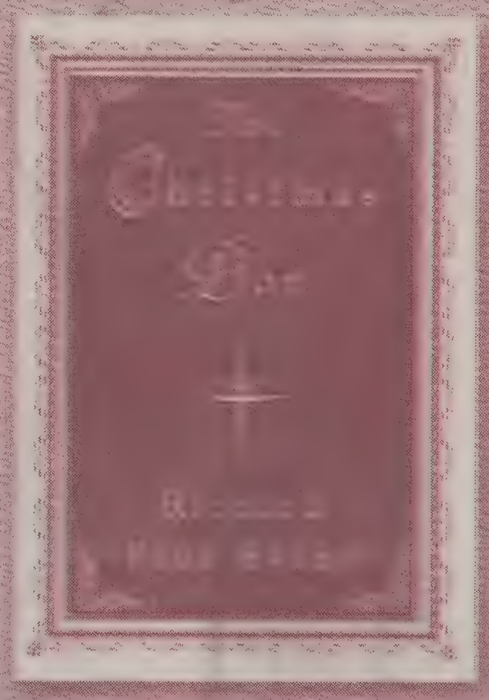

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Symbols give meaning to holiday

By ELISA BALL
Universe Staff Writer

Every year, people around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas is full of meaningful history and tradition. Whether it be a religious star or the red-suited Santa Claus, many Christmas traditions share symbolic meaning with Christ's birth.

Santa Claus was not always a jolly old man who flew around on a sleigh, delivering presents to children. The first well-known gift-giver was a man named St. Nicholas who lived in Turkey. He was born an only child of a wealthy family and was orphaned at an early age when both his parents died of a plague. Many stories are told of his generosity as he gave his wealth away in the form of gifts to the needy, especially children.

The evergreen tree we use as a Christmas tree symbolizes eternal life. The 'evergreen' keeps its rich green color year round. Martin Luther introduced it to the Reformation Church as a symbol of our endless life in Christ.

Candles are a symbol of light as Christ is the light of the world. Candles reflect man's thanks for the star that lead the wise men and shepherds to Bethlehem. A light should not be hid under a bushel but set up as a guide for all. Colored lights have now taken the place of candles.

Holly speaks of the thorns in Christ's crown placed on his head at the crucifixion.

The color red reminds us of the blood that was shed by Christ for all.

The wise men brought gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh to Mary's newborn son. We continue this tradition with the giving of gifts to friends and family.

Bells are associated with ringing out news. The birth of Christ was news to all.

Mistletoe was an ancient symbol from the Roman times. Romans believed mistletoe had the magic power of peace, symbolizing peace to all who enter. It was under mistletoe that old enmities and broken friendships were restored. Christ was the one who took away our enmity and gave us peace. Mistletoe is placed over the doorway and those who pass under are given a kiss.

Poinsettias used to be called the 'flower of the blessed night' because the blooming red leaves on the plant were thought to resemble the star of Bethlehem.

The candy cane used during the holidays has several symbolic meanings. The original solid white candy cane symbolizes the purity and sinless nature of Jesus. Three red stripes were added later symbolizing the pain inflicted upon Jesus before his death and one bold stripe represents the blood He shed for mankind. A candy cane's shape is similar to a shepherd's staff that helps bring strayed lambs to safety. Christ is the shepherd of man. The shape also represents the helping hand to show that we are our brother's keeper. If turned upside down the candy cane is in the shape of the letter 'J', which is the first letter in Jesus's name.

During this holiday season, take note of each symbol and tradition and relate it to the true meaning of Christmas as we celebrate the birth of the Savior who brought light to a sin, darkened world.

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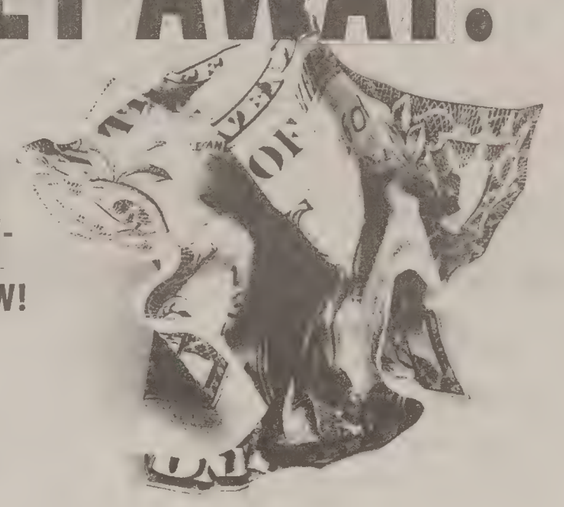

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Christmas Gift Guide

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Thrifty Christmas Ideas

By HILARY ROSS
Universe Staff Writer

It's time for the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping. Unfortunately, most students find their pocketbooks can't keep up with their shopping needs. Never fear - here's a list of cheap and easy gifts to solve your budget woes.

1. Movie Package
Buy a gift certificate for a free video rental. Give the gift certificate with a bag of popcorn and some movie-sized candy wrapped in tissue paper.

2. Gift Certificate
This may sound like an easy way out of buying a gift, but gift certificates are a wonderful way to ensure good use of your money. A gift certificate from a clothing store, for example, will get more for your money at post-holiday sales than if you were to use your money to purchase clothing before Christmas. And on another note, who wouldn't want a gift certificate for their favorite restaurant?

3. Personalized Stationery
Use stencils or your artistic ability to create personalized stationery. You can create designs, fancy borders, corner highlights or anything else you may think of. Feel free to make numerous different designs to provide variety. For an extra kick, make matching envelopes.

4. Gift Baskets
You can really have fun with this one. The key is to personalize the contents of the baskets. Examples of basket themes include pet lover, hygiene expert, bathing beauty or chocolate lover. Wrap the basket in colored plastic and put a bow on top for a classy look.

5. Coupon Book
Develop a book of 'IOUs' for different services such as a car wash, a massage and breakfast in bed. This gift will do wonders for your pocketbook, and it will give you a chance to provide service. (Note - this is a perfect gift for that special someone you want to get to know better!)

6. Baked Goodies
Here's a chance to show off your great baking ability while providing a gift no one can turn down. Fill a plate or a basket with homemade cookies, candy or baked goods. For an extra treat, throw in a few packets of hot chocolate or apple cider. Don't forget to include recipes for the goodies.

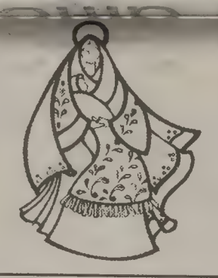
7. Decorative Christmas Can
Paint a clean, dry can from soup or canned vegetables. Use acrylic paints to decorate the can for the holidays. Fill it with candy, pencils or candy canes. Larger cans can be filled with fudge or other baked goods.

8. Christmas Ornaments
Buy a clear plastic ball and cover with lace, trim, tassels or anything else you can think of. This gift is sure to remind its recipients of you each year when they decorate their Christmas tree.

9. Beanbags
If you have youngsters on your Christmas list, here's a gift they'll love. Sew scraps of material together in various shapes and sizes, and fill the bags with beans or rice. To score extra points, sew the recipient's name on the beanbag with thread.

10. T-shirt or Sweatshirt
Buy an inexpensive t-shirt or sweatshirt and customize it with wording, pictures or designs. Here's your chance to pull out the paints and get creative. Make sure you decorate with things that won't come off in the wash.

Now that you're set for this year, it's time to get a head start on next year's Christmas list.



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Cutting down tree bring families joy

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nighttime temperatures dipping into the 50s. Lights wrapped around the trunks of palm trees. The smell of fireplaces instead of barbecues.

The holidays have arrived in Southern California.

The mild weather we treasure the other 11 1/2 months of the year does seem to shortchange us on holiday spirit. Only the mountain-dwellers can build snowmen. Our sweaters are cotton instead of wool.

But take heart, holiday lovers: You can cut down a tree here just the same as in Vermont.

OK, OK, the selection isn't quite the same. You can't trek into the woods and find a Norway spruce similar to the ones painted on Christmas cards. Douglas and noble firs, too, prefer the bracing Northwest. If you want to cut down your own tree in Southern California, you're pretty much stuck with the Monterey pine, a tree with shiny green needles that are 2- to 3-inches long.

Monterey pines are the primary stock of the roughly two dozen Christmas tree farms in the region, most of which have opened for seasonal sawing. Seem too early? Growers say a fresh-cut tree, kept in water, can easily last six weeks.

Tradition, schmadition. That's really a value, said tree farmer Marilyn Cameron. "So you pay $30 for a fresh-cut Christmas tree and that can last the whole month. You buy a flower arrangement for $30-$35, and it's gone in a week or so."

A Christmas tree you cut down yourself can cost $4 to $9 per foot, sometimes less, depending on the farm and the quality of the tree. By comparison, retailers like Home Depot or K-mart buy fir trees by the field full from Oregon and Washington, then resell them for $18 to $37. Pre-cut prices tend to be higher at corner lots because they sell only high-grade trees.

Cameron and her husband, Donald, have owned the Christmas Ranch tree farms in Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley for 25 years and sell around 2,000 trees each December. Years of paring 10-foot trees down to 8-foot trees make her say: "Trees always look smaller in the field than they really are."

She remembers a man who strolled in, announcing that he'd already picked out the tree he wanted. When he drove down the hill with it strapped to his car roof, she couldn't even make out his "mini-Honda" under the tree's broad branches. Cameron's husband wound up delivering the tree in a pickup.

Charles Peltzer, the patriarch of the eight Peltzer Pines farms in Orange County, suggests that buyers trying to guesstimate if a tree will fit in their home figure that an average man can reach about 8 feet into the air—about the same height as ceilings in most older homes. Women can reach about 7 feet.

Debbie Pasquale prefers a 10- to 12-foot tree for her Brea home, and for the last seven years she's gone to a tree farm to pick one out the day before Thanksgiving.

"It adds to the whole Christmas festivities," she said. "Being here in California - I'm from back East - I don't typically have what I'm used to. Cutting down your own really adds to the season. The smell! I think that after you've done it once, the quality of the tree is so much better, even though it costs more, it's well worth it."

Over the last 30 years, Dick Crossman of Anaheim Hills has downsized to a 5- or 6-foot tree. He keeps his eye out for the perfectly shaped tree, which he never has trouble finding at a local tree farm.

"When you cut them down, they tell you to cut another half inch off the trunk right before you put it in water. That way they stay nice, and the fire hazard is a lot less. You don't get a dry tree hanging around," he said

The population of Orange County has grown and changed, Peltzer said, and sales go up and down with the economy. But real trees are holding their own against the artificial variety, and may even be winning some converts in this era of Martha Stewart and old-fashioned authenticity.

"We have one very precious commodity to offer - we sell freshness," Peltzer said. "These trees are growing right here in Orange County. A buyer can walk right up and touch and feel the tree that they're going to buy."

"We find too many people who like to saw their fingers. It does not make for a happy experience," Peltzer said.

That might be just about right for some of the tree-cutting newbies Cameron has seen arrive at her lots in Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley.

Farmers advise wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty and gardening gloves. Farms usually provide saws and twine, and workers will wrap trees for transporting and help tie them onto a car. Cameron's farm has a shaker - a mechanical device that vibrates a cut tree for a few minutes, forcing the dead needles to fall out.

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Christmas Symbols

Wreaths are one of the many symbols that give meaning to the Christmas season. The circle and the evergreen coloring both represents eternal life.

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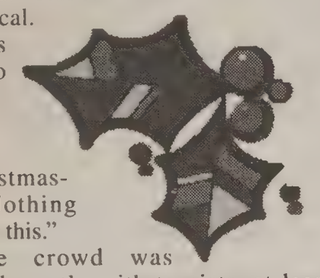
NYC tree turns on lights and season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Turning on the 26,000 multicolored lights on a 7-ton Norway Spruce seemed to have the same effect on thousands of people who crammed into Rockefeller Plaza.

"Isn't that a sight!" Jill Harriman, of Baton Rouge, La., exclaimed as the lights of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree flicked on Tuesday night to a thunderous roar from the crowd. "This is so magical. This is so Christmas-y. Nothing beats this."



The crowd was filled mostly with tourists, at least according to Thomas and Diana Grimes.

"We must be the only New Yorkers here, besides the police," laughed Mrs. Grimes.

"I don't know why New Yorkers eschew the ceremony. It's beautiful. And not just for the tourists."

The lighting even eclipsed visions of toys for 5-year-old Josie Milner of Portland, Ore.

"This is the best Christmas present ever," Josie said. "Even better than the big toy store."

The 73-year-old tree was ferried to Manhattan by barge, then hauled into midtown Manhattan.

Workers spent three weeks prepping it for the 65th annual tree lighting. Bill Cosby threw on the switch.

Olympic gold medal figure skater Katarina Witt performed, as did musician Kenny G and the cast of the Broadway musical "Rent."

The Rockettes danced and Harry Connick Jr. sang "Let it Snow," although the weather was not particularly Christmas-like.

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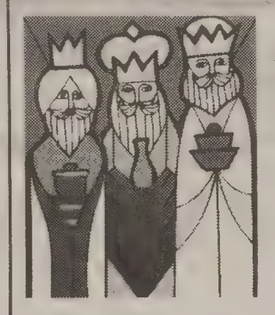

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

—St. Matthew 2:11

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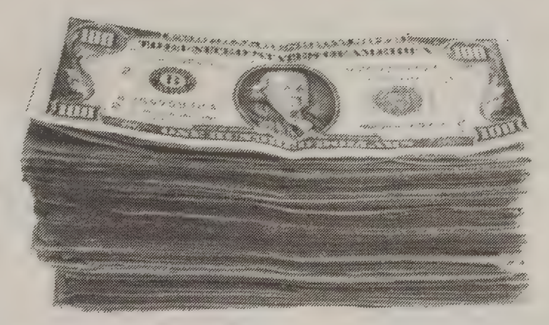

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World traditions may differ, but meaning still same

By MARIESA WHITAKER
Universe Staff Writer

Santa Claus, chimneys, Rudolph, the Grinch: these are words many Americans associate with Christmas.

Mention Boxing Day to Americans though, and they'll generally grace you with a blank stare.

But in Canada, Boxing Day is a big deal.

Basically, Boxing Day gives Canadians an excuse to spend the day after Christmas at home, said Jeff Davidson, a sophomore from St. Johns, Newfoundland, majoring in electrical engineering.

"As far as I know, Boxing Day started as a British custom where merchants and masters would give small boxed gifts to their servants the day after Christmas," Davidson said.

"Now it just means that all businesses stay closed on Dec. 26. It's cool because instead of having to go right back to work the day after Christmas, you can spend another day with your family."

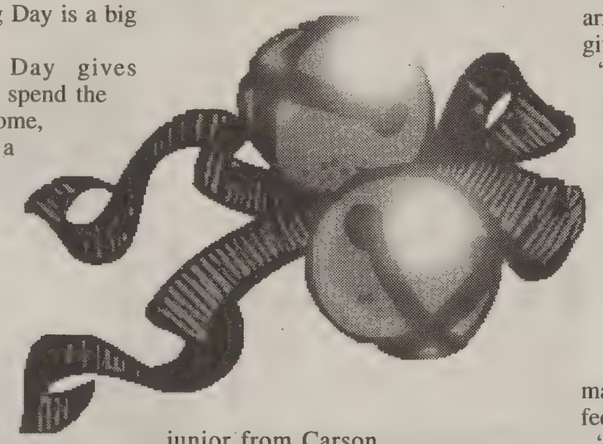
Boxing Day presents just one example of the differences between Christmas celebrations in the United States and other areas of the world.

"I think it's fascinating to learn about other people's ways of celebrating Christmas," said Linda Baker, a senior from Crofton, Md., majoring in zoology.

"There's incredible variation in tradition, but when it comes down to it, we're all celebrating the birth of Christ."

Argentina's celebration of Christ's birth differs significantly from the holiday season in the United States.

On Christmas Eve, families in Argentina gather together to celebrate by grilling and eating a pig, said Nick Johnson, a junior from Carson City, Nev., majoring in business management, who served in the Argentina Salta mission.



"They don't cook it on a spit or anything like that, but they grill up the entire pig and spread it out on a big platter," he said.

"It's pretty fancy."

Then at midnight on Christmas Day, Argentine families gather together and set off fireworks.

"So Christmas is more of a family-oriented feast holiday," Johnson said. "Presents aren't really a big part of it."

Food and family, not presents, is the emphasis on Christmas Day in Spain as well.

On Christmas, families just gather together and eat a huge dinner, said Tim Stark, a junior from Clifton, Va., majoring in business management, who served in the Spain Madrid mission.

Gift-giving in Spain takes place two weeks after Christmas on what is called Three Kings Day.

"Three Kings Day celebrates the arrival of the three wise men bearing gifts for the Christ child," Stark said.

"Huge parades take place that day. All the stores make floats, and all the floats throw tons of candy."

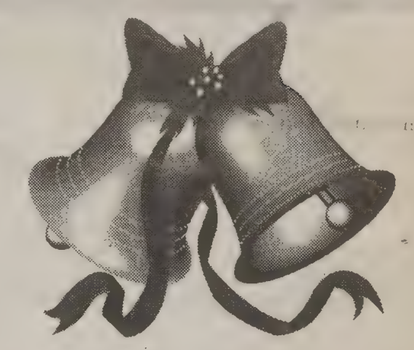
Linda Baker, whose parents lived in Spain for seven years, incorporates another aspect of the Spanish Three Kings Day tradition into her Christmas celebration.

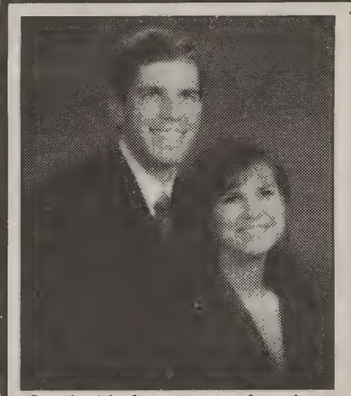
"My family sets up a nativity scene, but instead of grouping all of the figures around the manger, we place the wise men a few feet away," Baker said.

"Then each day we advance them a few inches until they reach the Christ child. It's cool, because we've taken a tradition from another place in the world and made it our own."

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

—Matthew 1:23





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Local businesses share holiday cheer

By AMY WARD
Universe Staff Writer

Provo and Orem area businesses are busy doing more than merely making money this season. Instead, they are spreading the Christmas spirit through a number of community service projects.

Novell kicked off the 13th year of its Holiday Food Drive by promising employees that the corporation would match whatever food they donated.

Beginning the three-week drive last week, employees were encouraged to either donate the fixings of a Thanksgiving dinner or donate $25 for the food bank to buy a dinner for the less fortunate.

This week, the company's executives will get their hands sticky as they make peanut butter sandwiches, which they will sell and serve to company employees to raise money for the food bank.

Nation-wide, the company usually ends up donating about 300,000 meals, said Linda Linfield, Novell community relations manager.

"(The project) gives a team building atmosphere," she said.

"It's always so incredible to me that employees come and open their wallets and hearts to help people they don't even know," Linfield said.

The Wirthlin Group, a Provo-based survey research company, is gearing up for the ninth year of their "Christmas Happening."

"We invite senior citizens in the area to come down on Christmas Day and call loved ones on our phones and our dime," said Kevin Crandall, director of daily collection.

Some call siblings and children. Others call old war buddies.

"You get to meet fascinating people," Crandall said.

The employees get involved in the project by signing up for various shifts throughout the day during which they greet the guests and help them with the phones.

Those employees who are unavailable to volunteer provide refreshments.

"Usually we've also been able to have a Santa show up and be here to talk with folks," Crandall said. The senior citizens can sit on Santa's lap and have their pictures taken, he said.

The company advertises the event in rest homes, wards and stakes, retirement communities and through public service announcements. They also send invitations to all those who have participated in past years.

The employees enjoy being involved in the project, Crandall said.

"It gives our folks a chance to give a little bit," he said. "It kind of transforms the place. We get out more than we put into it."

"It's just neat that just a small thing can make such a big difference," Crandall said.

Nu Skin started off the holidays with their annual turkey donations. Not only did they give turkeys to all employees, but to the entire staff of Franklin Elementary, the corporation's adopted elementary school. All of the remaining turkeys were donated to the local food bank.

Still to come this season is the corporation's involvement in the United Way Sub-for-Santa program where they sponsor a number of families.

Also as part of the program, some employees volunteer to teach classes to the less fortunate about how to budget at Christmas time and make inexpensive treats and gifts.

Nu Skin employees will also have the chance to participate in the "Great Computer Give-Away." Employees can nominate their favorite organizations, such as schools, charity groups and family history centers, to receive one of between 400 and 500 computers.

"(The response) has been really good," said Tonya Fischio, Nu Skin media relations specialist. "Each of our employees can jump in and participate in what they're interested in," she said.

Zion's First National Bank is also involved in spreading Christmas cheer this season.

In the Salt Lake area, customers are invited to donate blankets, which will be delivered to area homeless shelters.

The company will also continue the 30-year tradition of its "Lights On" project where each local branch invites an elementary school in their area to make homemade decorations for a tree in their lobby. In return, the bank will make a contribution to the school.

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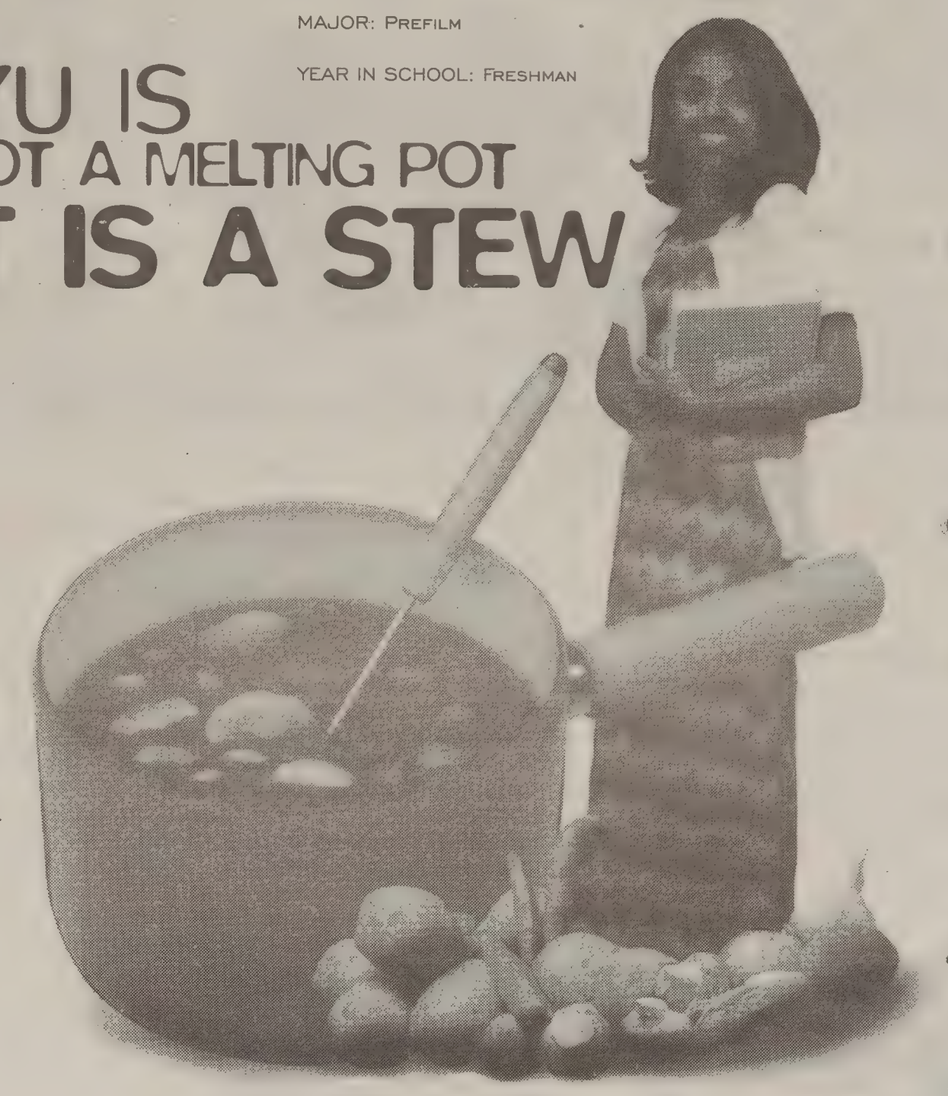

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STRUGGLE

"I feel the biggest challenge for me has been the change of culture. In the Indian culture there is a high respect for the elders of the community. It has been hard for me to make the transition between the two cultures because in the American culture there is less respect given to the elders of the community."

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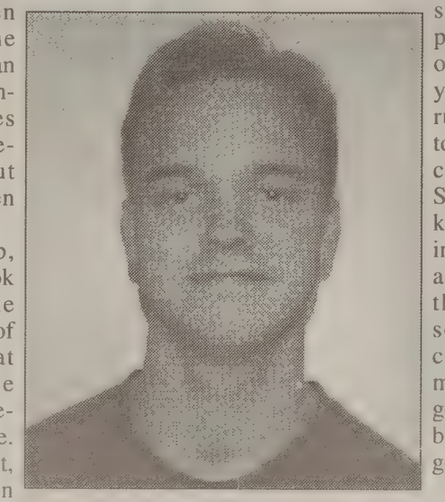

SCOTT BELL
Universe Staff writer

I'm a Christmas kind of guy.

The lights were strung up in downtown Provo at the beginning of November and that was fine with me. The longer the holiday season, the better.

Christmastime fires up memories galore for most people, myself included. I don't know if it's a good thing or not, but the first memory that popped in my head as I pondered Christmas was the Alvin and the Chipmunks Christmas special. I don't even remember the words, but I can hear those high-pitched voices singing something about Christmas even now.

Growing up, we used to look forward to the yearly edition of the paper that had the Christmas television schedule. We'd clip it out, and stick it on the fridge. Then each day, my brothers and sisters and I would scan the schedule and watch the best offerings of the evening.

My all-time favorite Christmas specials are the Sesame Street special, and the Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer special.

The Sesame Street show is full of classic scenes. My favorite was the ice-skating scene when Oscar gets tossed, garbage can and all, through the wall.

I'm not sure of the exact name of the Rudolph show, but it's the awkward, somewhat-animated version. If you've seen it, you know what I mean.

My family has most of the run-of-the-mill traditions that all good American families have in the holiday season. We put up the tree, hang the stockings and randomly sprinkle candy around the house. We now have a fake tree, but we still get a real one every year too. My parents tried to switch to purely fake one year, but a violent child uprising ended that.

We have a flannel-type tree that we hang on the wall each year. It has pockets with different ornaments inside for each day. It somehow evolved into a yearly competition between my siblings and I to see who could put up the most ornaments every year. The only rule was it had to go up on the correct day. Soon various kids were staking out the area and snatching the prize as soon as the clock struck midnight. That got a little ugly, but it was all in good fun.

But the climax of the Bell Christmas experience is the line-up on Christmas morning. The first person up had the responsibility of waking everyone else, so we usually were all up around 6:00 a.m. Then the kids would line up oldest to youngest outside the living room while my parents, or Santa, put the finishing touches on the final preparations. One regret in my life is that as the oldest, I've never been the first in the room. I guess I was as a baby, but that doesn't count.

But anyway, those are my random memories. Now, there's one sentence I've been waiting my whole life to end with, and here's my chance.

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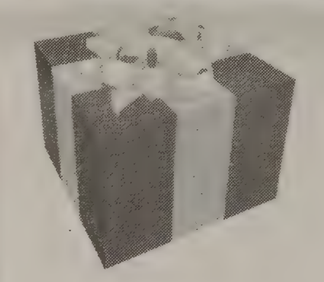

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These are some gifts for people that help other people:

• A spirited takeoff on swimsuit calendars comes from the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, a group devoted to research on spinal cord injury. The 1998 SWAT's UP (Standing With Attitude Today) calendar is illustrated with photographs of athletes, professionals and students who have spinal cord disabilities.

The calendar is $10 plus $2 shipping and handling from the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, 1600 NW 10th Avenue, R-48, Miami, Fla. The entire $10 is a contribution, since all services to produce the calendar were donated.

• Talking thermometers, big-print kitchen timers, magnifying makeup mirrors and dozens of other practical helps to those with impaired vision are featured in The Lighthouse Catalog.

For a catalog, call 1-(800)-829-0500. Proceeds from sales support vision rehabilitation services and programs for partially sighted or blind people.

• A holiday card featuring a drawing of Santa delivering a sackful of puppies to the door of The Seeing Eye benefits the organization that trains guide dogs for blind people in the United States and Canada.

"Special Delivery," with a watercolor by Pat Garhart, is sold in boxes of 20 for $13 each plus $6.95 postage and handling for the first box and $1 for each additional box. Also available is another design, "Holiday Hopes," by Patti Falzarano, which portrays three Seeing Eye puppies in a Christmas scene. Send checks to the Seeing Eye, c/o Parcel Plus, Chester Springs Shopping Center, Route 206, Chester, N.J. 07930. Credit card orders can be faxed to (908)-879-5661.

• Another card, with a holiday greeting in braille, benefits the Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka, Ill.

The cards are $22, plus postage, for a box of 25. For information or orders, call (847)-446-8111.

• West-Mex food specialties - including a Three Soup Crate ($16) and a Chili Fiesta gift basket ($40) with two kinds of canned chili, canned Italian tomatoes, cornbread mix, and dry hot chilis - are available from the Women's Bean Project.

The Denver-based project works with low-income women to help them become economically self-sufficient. For information or orders, call (303)-292-1919.

• Moonbabies are jewelry figures made from Austrian crystals, African woods, Peruvian clays, semiprecious stones and other exotic materials. The collections, designed by Ava Minsky Foxman, are available at department and specialty stores and aid the Pediatric AIDS Foundation and other children's charities.

A new Moonbaby edition is The Good Princess pin honoring Princess Diana and benefiting the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Fund. The tribute pin, made with sterling silver and Swarovski crystal, is $45 and available by special order, 1-(888-666-6222.

• Merchandise ordered from World Vision's International Gifts of Joy and Hope will help meet needs of people all over the world - clean water, cure for diseases and literacy among them. For a catalog, call 1-(888)-511-6511.

• Several generations of female pop singers - from Peggy Lee, Jo Stafford and Margaret Whiting in the 1950s to Dolly Parton, Olivia Newton-John, Judy Collins and Vanessa Williams in the 1980s and 1990s - are represented in a new four-CD set, "Leading Ladies," that benefits the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations.

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• "Country Cares for Kids" is a holiday country music album from RCA featuring top stars or groups, with sales benefiting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. A related radiothon spearheaded by Randy Owen, lead singer for Alabama, has in the past eight years raised $58 million for the hospital group. The CD is $16.98 and the cassette is $8.98.

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Associated Press

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. — Holiday shoppers looking for something different to give a gardener might choose a weatherproof notepad or a birdfeeder with microphone that brings the chirping into your living room.

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You can't go wrong with gifts of trowels, watering cans of pruners. Among many types of pruners available, the newest are power-driven ones that activate tiny chain saws.

They come in both cord and cordless and in literature until author Peter Loewer came up this year with a book containing a stunning array of science, anecdotes, myth, folklore and history.

The book, published by Macmillan and titled simply "Seeds," is priced at $25, hardcover.

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could confront her fear head on.

At this point, GP was still hiding out in his cage under my bed.

So we waited until Christmas morning (we decided to let them continue their Santa lie for a bit longer).

We awoke before my parents and instead of jumping on the bed to wake them up, we quietly tucked GP in under the cozy sheets.

He was pretty snug for a little while.

We went back into our beds and waited.

Just then, all chaos broke loose.

All I remember of "the incident" was a lot of screaming and a little furry critter flying through the air and hitting the wall in our hallway.

I also remember that Christmas wasn't very merry in my house that year.

GP hasn't been the same since, and my mom couldn't bring herself to go back down into the basement for another two months.

But I think deep down, my parents thought it was a pretty good joke and were proud that they had taught us well.

Season's Greetings from the Daily Universe

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—D&C 136:28

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Temple Square lights up for holiday season

By NICHOL HOBSON
Universe Staff Writer

On Friday, things at Temple Square became a little bit brighter and twinkled a little bit more. Over half a million lights were turned on as Elder Neal A. Maxwell flipped a switch that bathed Temple Square in colorful Christmas light for the 32nd year.

Thousands of people crammed into the Tabernacle and onto Temple Square to be present as the Christmas lights strung through the trees, shrubs, gardens and along the walls and walks were turned on for the season.

A special lighting ceremony was held in the Tabernacle. The Mormon Youth Choruses and Mormon Symphony presented a brief musical program at the ceremony after which Elder Maxwell delivered a brief Christmas message.

Elder Maxwell indicated how fitting it was that there is a celebration of light since Jesus is the light of the world. "All of these lights [on Temple Square] are symbols of a far greater light," Elder Maxwell said. "The scriptures tell us to be faithful lights and shine for the glory of God."

After Elder Maxwell's message the lights in the Tabernacle were turned off and all the doors were opened so that those in the Tabernacle could see the lights turn on.

At approximately 6 p.m., Elder Maxwell flipped the switch and spectators on the Temple Square and in the Tabernacle witnessed as the light flooded the area.

The lights will remain on every evening until Jan. 1. There will be musical entertainment in the Tabernacle each night throughout the season.

The Mormon Youth Chorus and Symphony will present its Christmas concerts Dec. 5 and 6, at 7:30 p.m. The Mormon Youth Choruses and Symphony will also hold its traditional Christmas Carol Sing-in, where the audience is provided song sheets and invited to sing along.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will present their Christmas concerts Dec. 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Holiday concerts will also be performed by various musical groups each night during the holiday season, except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. The groups will include junior high, high school and university choirs, symphonies and orchestras, children's groups, madrigals, ensembles and barbershop choruses.

All concerts on Temple Square are free, but admission is limited to those eight years of age and older, with the exception of the Mormon Youth Chorus and Symphony Carol Sing-in, which is open to all ages.

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Louise Lindorf, from Salt Lake City, enjoys the lighting at Temple Square on the day after Thanksgiving. Going to see the lights is part of her family's Christmas tradition.

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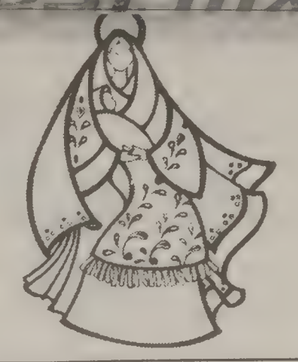
Wrapping gifts is a major production during the Christmas season. One way to avoid the hassle is to have your gifts wrapped at the store. Ann Wroe, assistant service desk supervisor at the BYU Bookstore, said, "We try to provide very nice supplies and popular colors and designs. We also have several types of ribbons."



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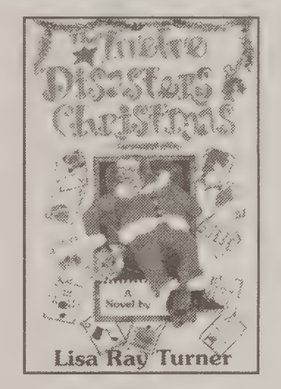

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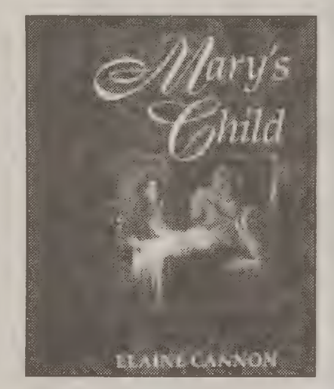

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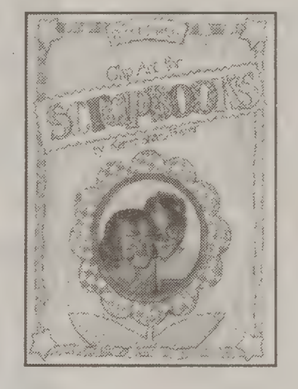

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Christmas quiz will tease your brain

Associated Press

Santas are once more abroad in the land, jingling their bells at every mall, sidewalk chimney and department store toy department.

On almost every downtown corner Salvation Army trombones pump out "Joy to the World," and towering fir trees, gailybedlight, rise over New House and virtually every village green, city hall and state capitol. It's Christmas again, that "rolling tim of the year," as Charles Dickens called it.

It's a time to give and a time to get, and a time to get rolling again on our Christmas Quiz.

What do you really dnow about our most celebrated and venerated holiday?

Here are 20 questions for you and your guests to mull over with the mulled ale before settling down to a long winter or, at least, and after-dinner nap.

Answers and scoring code follow the questions.

Questions:

1. What were the first names of Scrooge and Marley?
2. How many Magi or Wise Men came to Bethlehem?
3. What prompted the Magi to choose another way home?
4. Which old testament prophet predicted great happenings in Bethlehem?
5. Who wrote the words of the carol "Silent Night?"
6. When is the feast day of Santa Clause celebrated?
7. What Christmas delicacy did Mrs. Bob Cratchit prepare in a copper cauldron in her wash house?
8. Which renowned Christmas card artist was still turning out "a batch of three or four paintings a week" at age 100?
9. Which of James Joyce's "Dubliners" short stories takes place at Christmas time? Clue:Film director John Houston made it into a memorable movie.
10. Who was the surprise guest speaker when President Roosevelt lit the National Tree at the White House in 1941?
11. Which Nativity masterpiece was stolen from a church in Palermo, Sicily, in 1969 and has not been seen since?
12. What were the True Love's first and last gifts in the delightful rondeau "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
13. For what crime did William Sydney Porter, alias O'Henry, the author of "The Gift of the Magi," spent several Christmases in the Ohio State penitentiary?
14. What popular revel, evocation of the Middle Ages, takes place in Phiadelphia during the holiday season?
15. Which holiday movie has the most reruns during the holiday season?
16. Who were the stars of the film "White Christmas"?
17. Who played Santa Claus in the 1947 original film version of "The Miracle on 34th Street"?
18. Who played the little girl?
19. How did the della Robbia wreath get it's name?
20. Sherlock Holmes, Ellery Queen, Inspector Maigret and many other slueths have solved Christmas crimes. What is today's best selling mystery novelist Mary Higgins Clark's contribution to the genre?

Answers:

1. Ebenezer and Jacob.
2. St. Matthew, who tells of their visit in his gospel, did not specify how many.
3. In Matthew, the Magi were warned not to return to Herod, who sought to kill the child, so they departed into their own country another way. (Matthew 2:12)
4. Micah, an eighth-century BC Hebrew prophet prophesied: "But thou Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little amoung the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me one who is to be ruler of Israel, whose origin is from the beginning, from the days of eternity." (Micah 5:2)
5. Father Joseph, the parish preist in the little Austrian village where the mice had eaten the bellows of the church organ.
6. Dec. 6 is the feast of St. Nicholas, the original Santa Claus.
7. Her Christmas pudding.
8. Anne Mary Robinson, better known as Grama Moses.
9. "The Dead."
10. Winston Churchill.
11. Caravaggio's "Nativity," one of the master's last works, painted in 1609, the year before he died.
12. If the sung properly as a rondeau, with each day's new gift followed by the repetition of all the previous gifts, the answer is, "a partridge in a pear tree."
13. Bank embezzlement.
14. The Mummers parade.
15. Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
16. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye.
17. Edmund Gwenn.
18. Natalie Wood.
19. In the family name of an uncle and nephew, Luca and Andrea della Robbia, acclaimed sculptors in Florence, Italy, during the early Renaissance. They made exquisite ceramic wreaths sculpted with a floral motif in enameled glazed terra cotta.
20. Her short novel "Silent Night," where the criminal trail begins under the tree at Rockerfeller Plaza.

Scoring:

Award one point for each correct answer. Compute your holiday IQ via this scoring scale.

20 - You are the brightest star one anybody's Christmas tree of knowledge.

16 to 19 - Qualified for lead reindeer on Santa's midnight run.

11 to 15 - Up on the rooftops with the season's headiest performers.

6 to 10 - Down the chimney with a thud.

1 to 5 - Meltdown time for Frosty the Snowman.

0 - Goose eggs are more traditional at Easter.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

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—Luke 2:10-11

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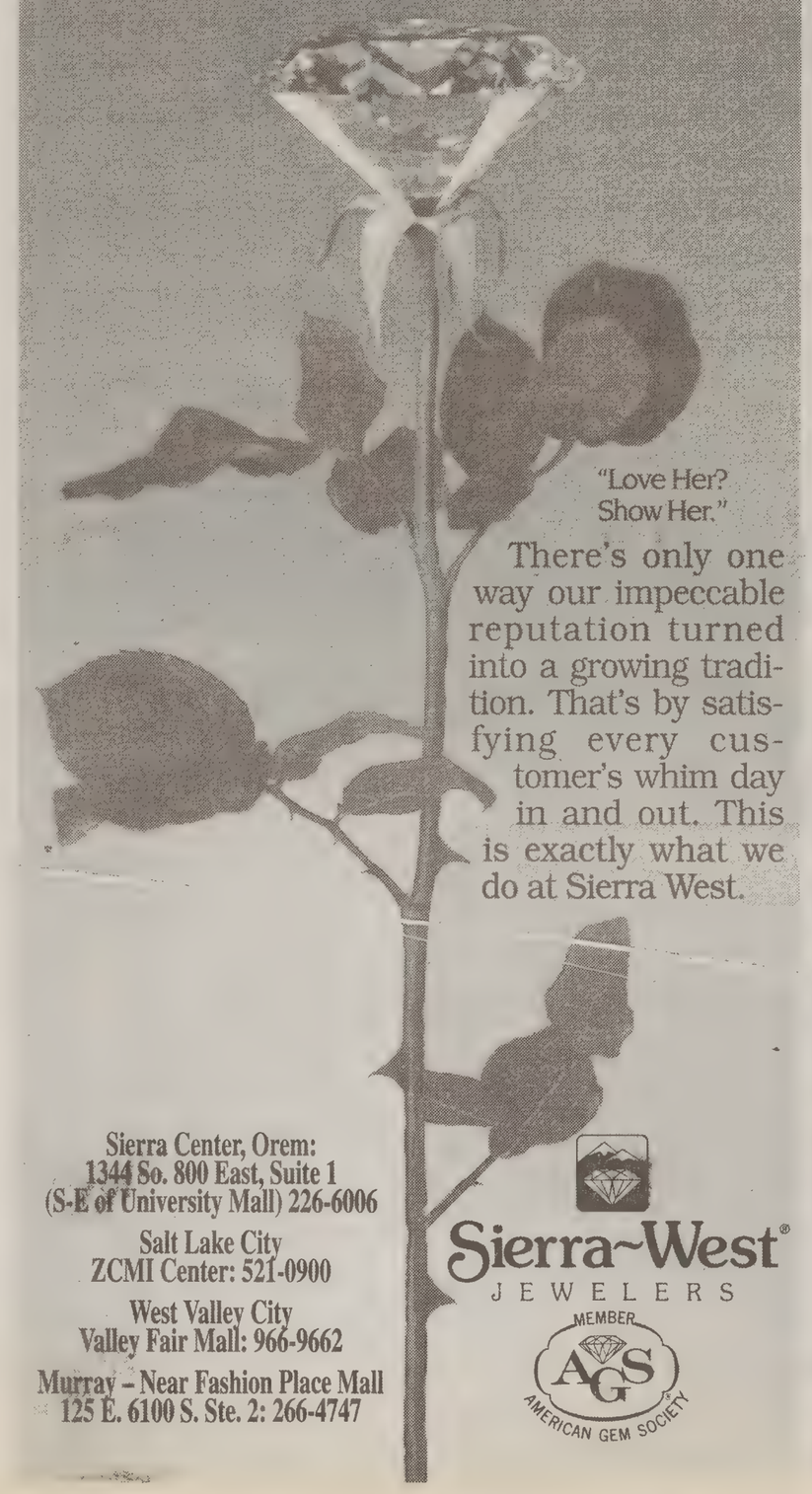

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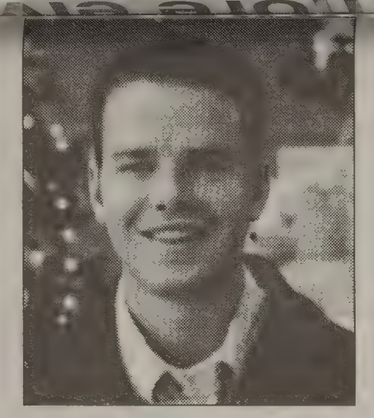
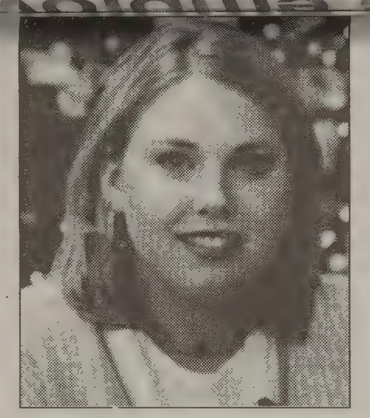


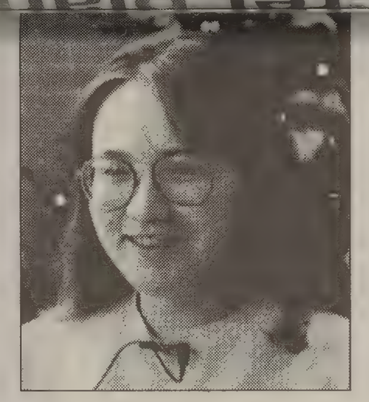
"I'm a very wishful person this year. My first wish is that my word might be who I am. That's real meaningful; I think that's something we all should wish for."

Cory Doyle, a sophomore from Riverton, majoring in English



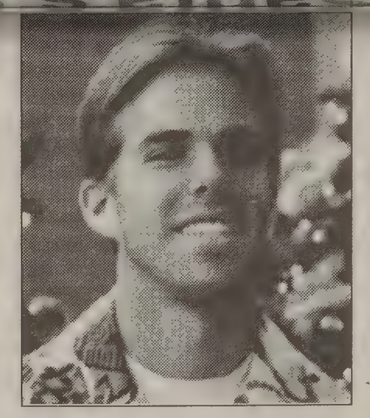
"I just want to spend it with someone. That's all I want. Mainly with my family, but with someone else too."

Christy Crowe, a freshman from Provo, majoring in English



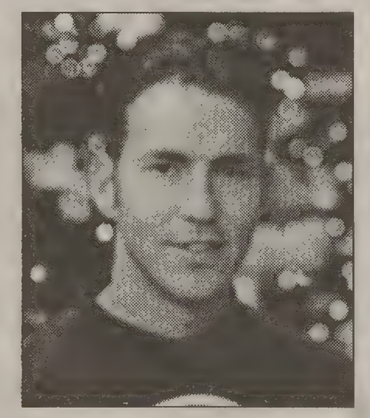
"I've been thinking I want one of those remote-controlled cars. But, what I asked my parents for were just shoes."

Heather Davis, a sophomore from Orem, majoring in English



"My biggest wish for Christmas is just hangin' with my bros and sisters and having a good time talking...Christmas to me is a good time with my family."

Mal Richardson, a sophomore from Huntington Beach, Calif., majoring in English

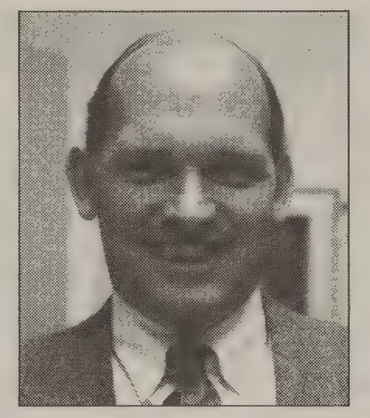


"I have two wishes and that's it. I want my tuition paid and I want a Chia Head. If I get those, my life will be complete."

Tim Rush, a junior from Orem, majoring in public relations.

"Because it's my first year at BYU and people have been so great to me, my wish would be that my colleagues and my students get all their wishes this Christmas."

Mary Jane Woodger, assistant professor of church history



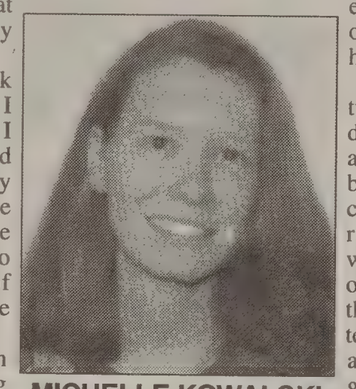
"My hope is that my children experience the true meaning of Christmas...that they could really understand why the Savior is necessary, the miracle of His birth."

Alex L. Baugh, assistant professor of church history and doctrine

Christmas' true meaning taught by others' actions

By MICHELLE KOWALSKI
Special Projects Editor

When I think of Christmas, it used to be thoughts of family traditions in Connecticut. Now I remember a Christmas on my mission and a family that taught me what the holiday truly means.



MICHELLE KOWALSKI
SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR

Less than a week before Christmas, I received the call that I was to be transferred from the bustling city of Cap de la Madeleine in the heart of the province of Quebec to the military town of Pembroke, Ont. in the middle of nowhere.

I was a little less than excited about leaving the area. I had spent five months there and was looking forward to enjoying my first Quebecois Christmas. Why couldn't transfers be the week after Christmas?

The journey took me close to 12 hours by bus to reach the eastern most area of the Canada Montreal Mission. My companion, Sister Hadlock, sat alone in the apartment waiting for me to join her.

She picked me up at the bus depot after wondering where I was, since my bus was hours later than she had expected. Instead of going home, we went to a family's home for dinner. After hours on the bus, the thought of eating was not that appealing, but their home held a great spirit that I distinctively remember. All of the children were home for the holidays and the house was aglow with lights from the tree and candles spreading the Christmas spirit.

I felt bad for not wanting to come to Pembroke. The branch might have been small, but there was a feeling of love and family present. That feeling was reinforced after the first Sunday in the little branch. I don't think there were 20 members in sacrament meeting. I turned to my companion and asked if a lot of families were away for the holidays. Nope, they were all there and even some out of town guests were present.

We were showered with gifts and invitations for dinners. The members were so loving and accepting. It was a wonderful feeling.

Christmas morning my companion and I opened our gifts that we had placed under the tree given to us by our friend and her daughter. Then we prepared for our trip to the family with whom we would be having Christmas dinner. They lived over an hour from our house. I thought we lived in the middle of the country, but they really did. Their home was up on a hill set in the woods. You could tell from the outside, this was a family with few possessions.

On the trip to their house, Sister Hadlock had told me about this family. They were struggling financially and it was hard for her to accept the invitation for Christmas dinner. She knew they barely had enough to feed themselves, never mind two more. She accepted because they seemed so excited to be able to have us share the Christmas holiday with them.

I got out of the car at their home only to be bombarded by two huge dogs: a missionary's worst nightmare. After the dogs were contained in the basement, we entered the house. I soon realized why Sister Hadlock had a hard time accepting the invitation. The house was quite bare with the exception of a piece of well-used furniture here and there.

The smell of turkey and other holiday treats filled the air. I know we had brought something to contribute, but I can't remember anymore what it was. We offered to help, but their youngest daughter wanted to show off all of her Christmas gifts that Santa had brought. She was so excited as she showed us her dolls and other toys. I felt guilty for all the Christmases I'd complained for not getting everything that I had on my wish list.

Here she was with so little and she was content. What an example she was to me.

Then she whispered excitedly to her mother asking if she could give us something. After getting permission, she handed us each a wrapped package. I was so surprised to receive a gift. This was so much more than they could possibly afford. How could I accept this, but looking at their faces, how could I not?

We ate a great dinner of turkey, vegetables and casseroles. I couldn't believe how much food was there. Part of me felt guilty for eating.

After dinner, we shared our message. We showed the video, Luke 2, which describes Christ's birth. After the video, we talked about past Christmases and our families that were far from us.

I felt good being with this family. The spirit was strong and I could tell how happy they were to have us with them. I no longer felt guilty for eating this elaborate dinner with them. I felt blessed that I had been given the privilege to be taught the true meaning of Christmas.

It's not the packages under the tree or the decorations on the walls that make Christmas special.

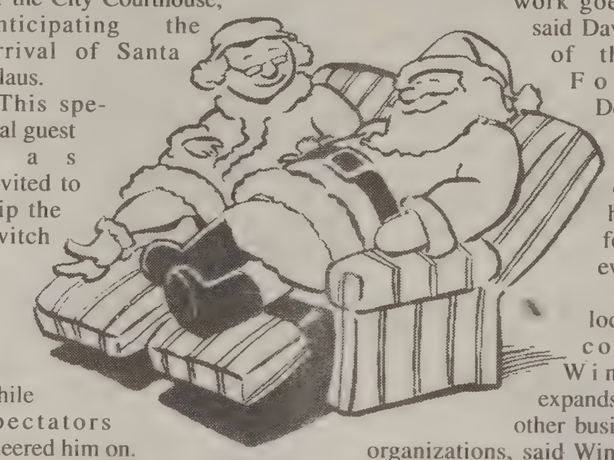
The true spirit of Christmas comes from remembering Jesus Christ and acting how He would. This family sacrificed to let us, His missionaries, celebrate the Savior's birth. I am so grateful for the lesson they taught me. I hope that each one of us will remember the reason we celebrate this holiday and be able to pass that message on to others. Merry Christmas.

Provo City sparkling with Christmas cheer

By JASON PARKER and KEVIN GULLEDGE
Universe Staff Writers

Provo City set its streets aglow Monday at the fourth annual "Lights On" ceremony.

Hundreds of Provo third-graders holding candles sang Christmas carols on the front steps of the City Courthouse, anticipating the arrival of Santa Claus.



This special guest was invited to flip the switch while spectators cheered him on.

"Nothing is greater or more Christmasy than kids singing Christmas songs," said Mayor George Stewart.

The "Lights On" ceremony is one of many major events during this year's Winterfest celebration.

Other activities include the Christmas Parade, dances, concerts and will conclude with a New Year's Eve "First Night" celebration.

Most events are free and open to the public.

Each year, the Provo City Council spends $3,000 to $5,000 for Christmas decorations.

Over 193,000 lights were used in the festive display.

Workers from the city's Urban Forestry Department and Parks Division began work as early as September to meet Monday's "Lights On" deadline.

To avoid traffic, crews would work all night stringing lights on trees from lift trucks.

"It really looks nice and gets people in the spirit of things, a lot of work goes into it," said David Beutler, of the Urban Forestry Department.

"I love what we do out here, I look forward to it every year."

As local support continues, Winterfest expands to include other businesses and organizations, said Winterfest '97 Chair Kathy Luke.

Local merchants count on Winterfest to set the generous mood for its holiday customers.

The added decorations help to attract business.

"It gives you the holiday spirit when decorations are out there," said Connie Norton, manager of Provo Craft.

"When you get the spirit going, it brings people in."

Provo visitors agree.

"It brought us here," said Nancey Bernard of Mesa, Ariz. "I love these little towns, it's just like 'It's a Wonderful Life,' without the snow."

The Daily Universe wishes you a safe and happy holiday

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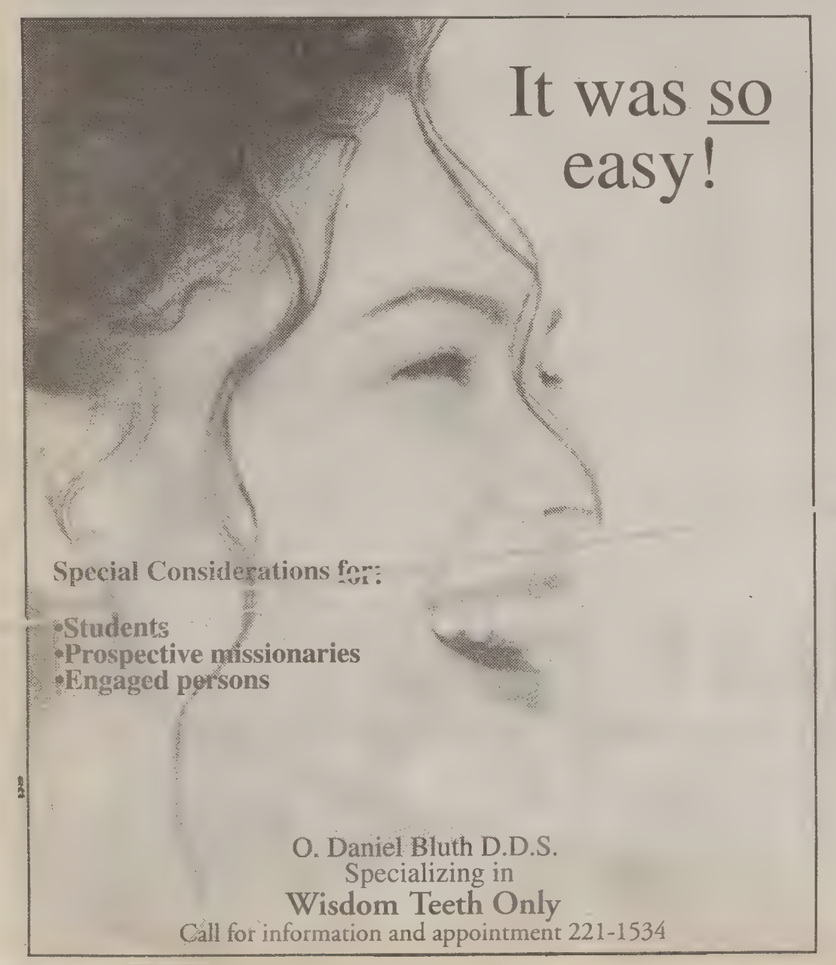

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Annual Christmas concert this week

By SHANE WRIGHT
Universe Staff Writer

The BYU International Folk Dance Ensemble's 38th annual "Christmas Around the World" concert will feature more than 200 dancers dressed in authentic costumes from countries around the world.

The show will open with a well-known Polish Christmas carol.

"Each year we highlight a tradition of a different country. This year we will be focusing on one of Polish Christmas carol,"In the Stillness of the Night," said Ed Austin, director of the International Folk Dance Ensemble.

"It's a beautiful carol that will be unfamiliar to the audience, but with the narration and choreography will depict what the audience would see in old Poland during the holidays."

The opening and closing numbers will tie the Polish theme.

Those going to the show can expect to see new choreographed numbers from Romania, Quebec, the United States and Russia.

They will also hear a new Bulgarian song sung in a unusual Balkan Vocal style.

According to the President of the International Folk Dance Ensemble, Camille Heckmann, "This is going to be one of the greatest concerts in years. We've gone beyond the call of our regular rehearsals."

Many of the students are excited about this year's show.

Lindsay Daniel, a member of the Folk Dance Performing Arts Company/Tour Team said, "As one of the first concerts in December, 'Christmas Around the World' is a good way to begin the holiday season. The show always has a special spirit because of the diversity of culture celebrating the Christmas season. The show is unique."

The ensemble will also be performing their new Irish hard shoe number "Cry of the Celts."

"This number was choreographed in the style of the popular 'Riverdance' and if people didn't get to see this at Homecoming Spectacular, it will be their last chance this year," Austin said.

The whole stage will be full of 200 dancers, representing countries from around the world.

The annual event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Marriott Center Dec. 5-6.

Tickets for the performances cost $7 for faculty, staff, students and senior citizens and $8 for the public.

A special price of $5 each for groups of 20 or more in seats above the concourse.

For more information, call the Marriott Center Ticket office at 378-BYU1 or 1-800-BYU1 (2981).

Y clubs help others during holiday time

By CLAUDIA LORENZANA
Universe Staff Writer

Opportunities to serve are not scarce on BYU's campus. BYUSA and other on-campus clubs have organized a number of service projects this season to not only help those in need, but also to spread the holiday cheer.

One of BYUSA's current service projects, Sub-For-Santa, provides toys, clothing and other items to needy families in the community.

Kim Schrank, program director for Sub-For-Santa, said BYUSA began setting up booths on campus and recruiting students to help with the program back in November.

Once a group of students signs up, they receive a name of a needy family in the area from United Way, a nationwide welfare organization.

The group then is expected to buy two new toys, two new articles of clothing and one book for each child in the family.

"Sub-For-Santa is a program that provides Christmas for those in the area who wouldn't otherwise have a Christmas," Schrank said.

After wrapping the gifts, student volunteers also get to hand deliver the gifts to the family.

"When they see them face to face, they see the fruits of what they're doing," Schrank said.

Project Uplift is another service project that BYUSA has sponsored for many years.

Wendy Taylor, director of Project Uplift, said the program was organized to provide boxes of gifts to U.S. servicemen stationed all over the world.

This year alone, Christmas care packages have been sent to military bases in the U.S. and to places such as Germany, Japan and Bosnia.

Taylor said booths and tables were set up in the Cougareat and MORC in early November.

Family home evening groups, wards and other groups were given boxes to fill, which were later sent out to the different military bases Nov. 24.

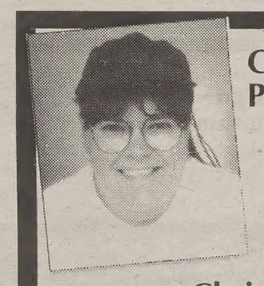
"The more I worked on it, the more significant it became to me," Taylor said. "I wanted to help as many people as possible."

One thousand sixty-six Christmas packages were sent this year, which greatly exceeded BYUSA's original goal of 600 boxes.

"We were really pleased with the outcome," Taylor said.

A number of other service projects have been planned throughout the month of December.

For more information on how to get involved, contact BYUSA at 378-3901.



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Santa's secret plan to employ more elves

My earliest Christmas memory was when I was 4 years old. On Christmas Eve, I was sound asleep, with sugar plums prancing in my head (although I have never seen nor eaten a sugar plum in my life; and, like most people, generally do not trust anything or anyone that "prances").

In my sleep, I heard bells jingling and someone laughing — more specifically, belly-laughing. Someone grabbed me, and when I woke up I saw this big, red figure with white hair by my bedside. And I reacted like any typical 4-year-old boy would — I freaked out.

JON MANO
Associate News Editor

I screamed and yelled at this belly-laughing boogyman and hid under my covers. This monster started grabbing me so I crawled to the end of my bed, where (as a 4-year-old would think) he wouldn't find me. But he did, and he grabbed me again as I once again screamed and crawled to the other end of my bed.

At some point during this ordeal, I realized this wasn't the boogyman but it was Santa Claus. It was good ol' St. Nick in my room. And he was trying to kidnap me! He probably needed more elves.

There was no way I was going to going to become an elf. They make you wear ridiculous pointy hats and shoes, your growth is stunted so you are forever 3-feet tall, and you have to sing annoying Christmas songs like "The Twelve Days of Christmas" all the time. To make things worse, when you sing you are occasionally forced to "prance" to the music.

Elves aren't even allowed to sing any of the good songs like "Away in a Manger." No, only commercialized songs that promote gift-giving or celebrate a North Pole icon, like "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" or "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer." I heard Rudolph has a big-time ego. They write one song about the guy, and now he thinks he's bigger than Bullwinkle.

And do you think there are any elf labor laws at the North Pole? No way. You work 748-hour work weeks and the cafeteria food is awful. Every single meal in the elf cafeteria, also known as the "ElfEat," consists of stale cookies and old milk that Santa gathers each Christmas. They're not even whole cookies — Santa takes a bite out of almost every one.

Some people might be wondering why the elves don't go to their local congressman. That's easy to answer — Santa runs the town. He's got all the local politicians in his back pocket. Cross Santa and get coal for the rest of your life? You can't even use coal in furnaces anymore. No, sir, I like my Tickle-Me-Elmo doll just fine, thank you very much. I tell you, Santa's got this town running scared.

Plus, who are people going to believe? Santa Claus, or some disgruntled, pointy-shoed dwarf with crooked teeth? And if people find out that elf has a history of prancing, forget it. They won't trust that elf as far as they can throw him. Which, I guess, could actually be pretty far since he is an elf and doesn't weigh that much.

It's true things slow down a bit during January and February, but don't think elves get a break. When things are slow at the North Pole, elves are contracted out as Oompah-Loompahs at the Willie Wonka Chocolate Factory. Singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas" all day is nothing compared to that inane "Oompah-Loompah" song — "Oompah-Loompah loompadee doo." What kind of language is that? Tagalog? That doesn't even make sense.

Some people might point to fringe benefits that elves get, like cool presents. The problem is all the good toys go to all the good boys and girls in the world — elves are stuck with the old stuff and the rejects. Want the new and improved Barbie? Sorry, only big-bosom and small-waist Barbies for you. Tamagochi, the virtual reality pet? Nope, you have to take a real-life puppy. Tickle-Me-Elmo doll? You're stuck with Barney.

Luckily for me, Santa did not kidnap me. I did not become an elf — I became a journalism major. OK, so maybe I'm not that lucky.

As it turned out, it wasn't even the real Santa Claus. It was the father of my mom's friend. Apparently he had been pulling this stunt for about 20 years, and I was the first kid to go ballistic. My mom said he felt really badly about it. In fact, to this day, she still tells me how sorry he was about the incident.

But I'm fine with it. In fact, it has become a memory I cherish. Well, maybe just a memory I remember — which, I guess, is the definition of a memory. It's nice to remember something from when I was so young — the only other experience I remember from that age is the day a dog was chasing me and I ran face-first into the front door. Terrorist Santas and man-hunting dogs — not a good year for me.

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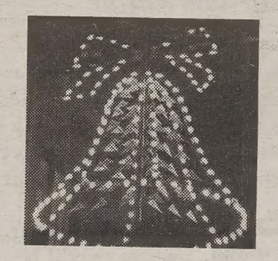

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Christmastime memories come in all shapes, sizes

It's Christmastime. How do I know? You can feel it in the air. People smile more, they're nicer, they're more polite as they push and shove their way out of the Marriott Center following Devotionals and Firesides, like there's a poison gas leak or something.

Christmas is a season of giving and sharing, particularly when it comes to illnesses. If only peace on earth and goodwill toward men were as contagious as a cold!

Then the world would be a magical place, full of pixies and elves and candy canes, and houses would be made of gumdrops and taffy, and the streets would be paved with, I don't know, some kind of good thing, or whatever.

The Christmas season means traditions, and lots of 'em. Traditions are important to us as a people, because without them, a lot of things wouldn't be around.

Cranberry sauce, for example. Does anybody actually LIKE cranberry sauce? I don't think they do, at least not very much. But would you feel like something was somehow missing if you had Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner without it? Yes you would. It is merely by tradition that cranberry sauce continues to be passed around, instead of being thrown in the trash.

It is the same way with Bob Hope. If you have ever seen one of those specials on TV where he goes to entertain servicemen, you have noticed that he is a very good comedian except for one major flaw: he's not funny. But we would all feel bad if we went up to Bob Hope and said, "Bob Hope, you are not funny, and as far as we know, having been born after 1950, you never were." It's just sort of a tradition that we let him stay around.

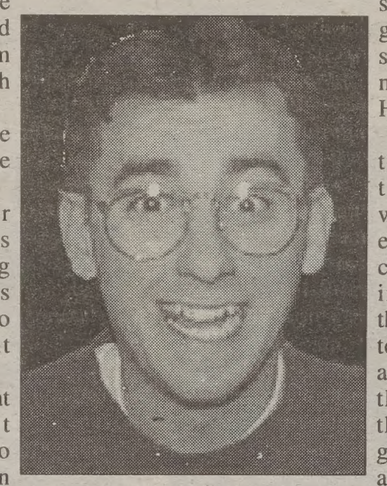
So anyway, there are a lot of traditions that pertain specifically to Christmas that perpetuate things that probably don't need to be perpetuated.

Some of them affect my life personally, which is why I even care enough to mention them.

First, there's the tradition of Complaining About the Cold Weather in Utah. My fellow Southern Californians and I like to perpetuate this one, and it just makes Utahns hate us more, which is unfortunate, especially around the holidays, when we should be loving and not hating. I have no problem with Utahns as a people, although I should mention that the next time I hear a Utahn refer to the world outside of Utah as "the mission field," I will most likely strike that Utahn in the face.

No, it is just the weather here that I don't like. And it's not that I don't like snow, either, because I love skiing and various other manly snow-related endeavors. I like snow. I like the ocean too, but I wouldn't want to live in it. I like for it to stay where it belongs, and when I want to frolic in it, I go to where it is. I wish the snow would be as considerate as the ocean.

Sometimes you run into somebody from Alaska, which is located in Canada, where it is very cold 11 1/2 months out of the year. These people will brag about how back home, when it got up to 55 degrees, they took off their shirts and went swimming! To those people I say: Ha ha! You are freaks. Just because 55 is less cold than it usually is where you live doesn't mean that 55 degrees is hot. You have got your sense of reality all mixed up, probably from eating too much whale blubber.



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Lifestyle Editor

(Blubber. Maybe the streets would be paved with blubber.)

Anyway, another important Christmas tradition is Arguing Over Which Songs Are Appropriate to Sing in Sacrament Meeting.

The real rule is that if a song doesn't relate specifically to the gospel, or, even more specifically, to the Savior, it's not appropriate to for sacrament meeting. This means "Silent Night" is OK; "Frosty the Snowman" is not. It's a simple rule to understand, and yet, just as with so many other rules that are simple to understand, many simple people don't understand it.

Every year, you'll hear of some group singing that "Carol of the Bells" song. This is the one where the singers try to imitate the sound of Christmas bells.

It starts with some women singing (and I am paraphrasing here), "La la THE BELLS! La la THE BELLS! La la THE BELLS! La la THE BELLS!" And then some men say, "Ding... Dong... Ding... Dong," and then everyone is going, "Merry, merry, merry, merry ding-dong, merry, merry, merry, merry ding-dong." It's a cool song, but it has nothing to do with anything even remotely religious, and yet it gets sung in wards all over the country, and perhaps even in Alaska.

It's ironic that the purpose of sacrament meeting EVERY SINGLE WEEK is to remember the Savior, and yet during the time of year when He should be remembered the most, sacrament meeting gets filled with songs that having nothing to do with Him.

Of course, many of the TALKS throughout the whole year are irrelevant. You're especially used to hearing nothing about the Savior if you go to a lot of missionary farewells, where the purpose is for the family to congratulate themselves and revere their son or daughter who is going away, and maybe, if there's time between anecdotes about how young Chad was always kind to his sisters and treated neighborhood pets with respect, say something about the gospel. If there's time.

Oh, and be sure to encourage the congregation to skip Sunday School and go to your Open House, too, where they'll be expected to eat from the vegetable tray and give you some money, sort of to congratulate you for having a child worth sending on a mission.

It would appear that I have gotten away from my thesis, which is that missionary farewells are stupid. No, wait, that's not it.

My topic was Christmas traditions, and frankly, I've gotten so far off track now that I don't even feel like trying to get back again. I'll fire up a flare; you send for help.

Merry Christmas.

Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world, to show unto the world that I will fulfil all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets."

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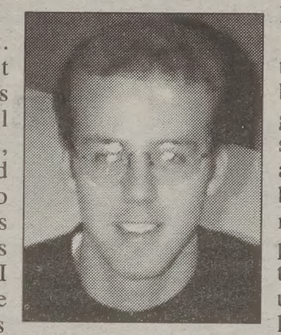
Christmas bread aroma brings memories to life

Christmas time has snuck up on us once more. It's a great time of year if you work in retail, or own a forest of evergreen trees. It's also a good time for memories.

Growing up in St. Louis, my earliest memory of Christmas is not even a real memory. You see, every year my dad hauls out the video camera and "makes history." I guess his thought is in 10 years I can huddle around the VCR with my kids and they can watch their old man in his Spiderman pajamas playing with 2-XL, the talking robot. I loved that robot and I think it still lives in my closet at home. But I digress.



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Christmas always came down to one thing for me: my mom's Christmas bread. This bread is so good it could only be made once a year, the night before Christmas. I would wake up to the smell of it baking and that was proof to me it was really Christmas Day.

The bread itself was a combination of nuts and cherries, with a cinnamon roll-type glaze on top. The best part was the middle, which was never quite cooked all the way. That bread was more important to me than the presents themselves.

Another memory I have only happened over a two-year period. After my grandfather died, my grandmother came to live with us. She was old and didn't like to get up early in the morning, regardless of what day it was. Since she was part of the family, we couldn't start opening presents, taking down stockings or eating the bread until she got up. I remember walking past her door, making noise in the vain attempt to wake her up.

She only lived two years with us before she joined my grandfather, but I can still remember sitting around on my parent's bed waiting for grandma to wake up, complaining that she slept too much. I didn't understand what it was like to be old.

The older I get, the less attention I pay to tradition, except for the Christmas bread. My freshman year of college I returned home for Christmas, much to the delight of my mother. However, I stayed out late with my friends on Christmas Eve and was in no mood to get up at 7 a.m. to open presents. So, I stumbled upstairs at 9:30, having missed the stockings, the presents and half of the bread. I was more disappointed at missing the bread. I've since repented, and last year I even combed my hair before joining the family bright and early.

My mom is gone now and with my brother in the Navy who knows what Christmas will be like this year. I suppose I'll get to sleep in. The important thing is I'll get to spend time with my dad. As for tradition, I don't expect him to break out the camera this year, unless my sister does something cute. The bread will be my job, because it wouldn't be Christmas without Christmas bread. Some traditions never change.

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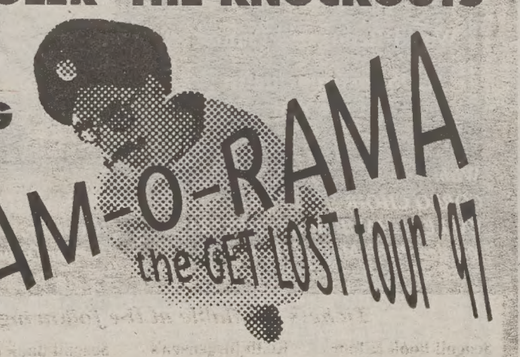

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Ornaments decorate gift lists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House speaker's wife bought 101 of them. President Clinton gives them away. With friends in such high places, the White House Historical Association's annual Christmas ornament may be the hottest holiday item in town.

"They not only make great gifts for family and friends, they also enhance my collection," said Marianne Gingrich, wife of speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. She started adding White House ornaments to her collection in the 1980s.

She is not the only Washingtonian with a passion for the ornaments.

"It's just like receiving a Christmas card from the president," said Bill Codus, who served as assistant chief of protocol for visits under Presidents Nixon and Ford. "They are a collector's item and they are beautiful."

Codus, who now runs a consulting group, has been collecting the ornaments and giving them away as gifts since the historical association offered its first one in 1981.

"People want them and they want them all," the association's Michael Melton said as he stood in a conference room piled high with boxes of this year's ornaments waiting to be shipped or picked up.

The first family gets a generous supply to give away, and two ornaments usually hang on the Christmas tree in the White House Blue Room.

Clinton gave last year's ornament, a replica of a presidential seal designed by President Millard Fillmore, to Bob Dole, his opponent in the presidential race.

Codus sends ornaments each year to most of his clients, including Jehan Sadat, widow of slain Egyptian Prime Minister Anwar Sadat, and he always buys some for his own family's tree.

There are 17 ornaments so far; 14 of them commemorate the administrations of the first 14 presidents, from George Washington in 1982 to Franklin Pierce this year.

The first ornament is a replica of an 1840 weather vane made for the Universalist Church in Newburyport, Mass.

The 1989 ornament honors the 200th anniversary of the presidency with a replica of the official seal of the president.

The 1992 ornament marks the 200th anniversary of the start of construction on the White House. One side of that ornament shows the text of the mansion's cornerstone. The other is a full color reproduction of an 1848 lithograph of the White House's north front.

This year's ornament sells for $14. All of the ornaments are still available, although the first eight are sold only in sets of four.

The ornaments reflect each president's administration and their connection to the White House, Melton said.

For example, Martin Van Buren created the Blue Room out of the oval parlor and his 1990 ornament is a view of the room during his administration.

The ornament honoring William Henry Harrison's short term in office shows him in full military dress seated on a white horse. Harrison died 32 days after taking the oath of office.

James Madison's wife, Dolley, is depicted along with her husband on the 1985 ornament, but Julia Gardiner Tyler, President John Tyler's second wife, is the only first lady to have an ornament all to herself, in 1993.

"He was a good president, but there was nothing outstanding," Melton said of Tyler. "She was interesting." Mrs. Tyler brought the waltz to the White House and was the first presidential spouse to have her portrait painted. The ornament is a replica of that Francisco Anelli painting.

The ornaments also are educational. Each piece comes with a pamphlet on the presidential administration they commemorate.

The pamphlets even list a bibliography of suggested reading.

This year's offering honors Pierce, who had a greenhouse built on the executive mansion's South Lawn during the 1850s.

The ornament is a color illustration, circa 1857, of a view from the South Lawn showing the greenhouse.

The association expects to sell more than 400,000 of them, Melton said.

Proceeds from the sale are used to buy historical furnishings and art work for the White House's permanent collection and to maintain the mansion's historical rooms.

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Holidays excuse to buy electronics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — George McIntyre walked into an electronics store looking for just the thing to upgrade the entertainment system in his bedroom.

Standing before a bank of television sets, the building superintendent from Brooklyn said he is using part of his raise to add a larger screen and theater-quality sound. One prospect was the new surround-sound system costing about $1,500, down from thousands more several years ago.

"I want something I could hook up into the TV system," McIntyre said. "I like to be as comfortable in the bedroom as possible."

Like McIntyre, shoppers across the country often use the holiday season to buy an ever-growing array of electronics goods.

Among the hot items: Rolodex Rex, personal computers costing under $1,000, head-knocking stereo systems and big-screen TVs.

Consumers so far seem ambivalent about some of the latest gear, however, including hand-held computers and high-tech digital video disk players.

Analysts and retailers expect electronics sales to modestly exceed last year's holiday season, which was hurt by the lack of a major hot item. Helping sales this year are a fresh wave of interesting gizmos, the strong economy and demand from optimistic consumers.

The hot product may be the Rex. The new computer is the size of a credit card, weighs just 1.4 ounces but stores up to 2,500 names and addresses, appointments, to-do lists and other items - all displayed on a high-contrast little screen.

The high-capacity version costs $159 and is sold under the Rolodex brand name by Franklin Electronic Publishers. "I think it will sell out," said David Goldstein, president of Channel Marketing Corp., a research firm that tracks store sales of computers.

But consumers are biting cautiously on the new digital video disk players. Shopper Carl Grzybek decided against buying one of the new DVD players because some makers had proposed a competing technical standard that could make the equipment obsolete.

The digital video disks, making their debut in stores this holiday season, are supposed to eventually replace video cassettes because they show crisper, clearer movies and games. But the players start at $500 - roughly double VCRs - and don't record programming.

"I'm going to sit back and wait," Grzybek said.

Shoppers also tentatively approached the displays of hand-held computers at a New York computer store. Priced at $600 and higher, the much-hyped computers cost nearly as much as the cheapest desktops but are more limited in what they can do and sport cramped keyboards.

One exception is the PalmPilot, a computer made by a unit of 3Com Corp. The $300 device is smaller and lighter than other hand-held computers but ably performs simple tasks, such as stowing an electronic calendar and address-book data downloaded from a desktop PC.

Also in demand are the new sub-$1,000 personal computers that include monitors and features such as multi-media technology. Thanks to these cheap PCs, sales of all desktops are expected to increase by up to 22 percent during November and December, up from 14 percent a year ago, according to Channel Marketing.

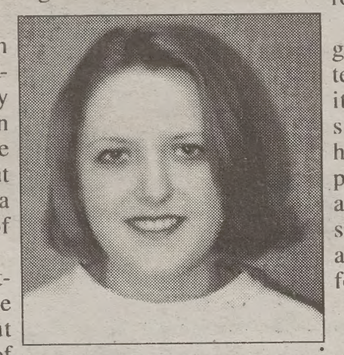
And more consumers are expected to check out the new digital cameras, though cautiously. Makers of the filmless gadgets have lowered prices and improved the picture-taking quality to levels that analysts say is expected to finally attract Christmas shoppers. But consumers still need to spend $600 and more for a model that takes photos as good as a film version costing less than half that price.

Some say it's just a matter of time before the new technology catches on. Just last year, DVDs were not even in stores yet, and many people hadn't even heard of digital cameras.

"That's the difference between last year and this year. Last year, it was a hope - this year it's out there," said Steve Nickerson, vice president of consumer products for Toshiba America Inc.

Family trauma follows holiday

In my family, the art of lying is a very important tradition. As sick as it may sound, we actually like to lie just to see who is gullible enough to believe it.



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I think it all started with the way Christmas is celebrated at my house. My parents had an obsession with the idea that we were never going to figure out that there was no Santa until we had children of our own.

They were actually pretty good at keeping the secret. They would put out cookies that would, of course, be eaten Christmas morning. They would make Santa footprints marking the trail from the fireplace to the pile of gifts under the tree.

They also made up all sorts of stories, like saying that Santa wouldn't give presents to children that waited up on Christmas Eve (this was,of course, to avoid being caught). It just became a huge web of deception.

It worked pretty well until we started figuring out where all of the gifts were hidden, weeks before Christmas.

My parents' Christmas deceptions taught me the art of lying.

Being the young naive child that I was, I thought it would be fun to create a Christmas myth of my own.

In sixth grade, me and my sister Tammy decided to convince my mother that there was a rat living in our storage room.

You have to understand that my mom had a rather traumatic childhood experience that involved a rat and a sleeping bag. Enough said.

As a result, "the incident" has left her with an incredible phobia of rodents.

But back to sixth grade. That year, my teacher decided that it was good for her students to learn how to take care of pets. So she acquired a guinea pig, GP for short, that we were allowed to sign out for the weekend.

Knowing my mother's fear of rodents, we thought it would be cool to bring a little "surprise" home for the Christmas break.

Our motives were pure, we were only attempting to rid her of her fear.

That year, my family had a huge box of apples in our storage room. We thought it would be funny to make little rat bites in them with our finger nails. They actually looked pretty authentic.

Then, during dinner on Christmas Eve, Tammy mentioned hearing rustling noises down in the basement.

My mother sent me on a voyage down into the basement to discover where the noise was coming from.

She was a little bit disturbed when I returned with the chewed up apple in hand. I mentioned seeing something scurrying behind the shelves as I flicked the light on.

At this point, she had made a solemn vow never to venture down into our basement again.

We could tell she was a bit disturbed, but being too young to know that the joke had gone too far, especially after watching my parents lie year after year about Santa, we decided she might feel a bit better if she

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By MAUREEN JONES
Universe Staff Writer

When students plan on traveling home for the holidays, expense is a major issue to keep in mind while deciding the best way to get home.

Whether traveling by car, plane, train or bus, most students want the best deal on their ticket home. Students have many options open to them to ensure they get the best price when they go home.

"I had a good experience using a travel agent," said Mark Waddoups, a senior from Prosser, Wash., majoring in communications studies.

He said the agent reserved a round trip airline ticket from Salt Lake City to Kansas City, Mo. for $100.

Erica Garfield, a travel agent with Universal Travel in Orem, said Universal Travel has some students as clients.

The agency books tickets for plane and trains.

"Students need to be flexible when they book their fares," she said. Advance purchase of tickets always helps too.

Usually, the first part of November is the latest students should wait to shop for the best fares for flights home for Christmas, she said.

Sometimes, flying on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday makes the fare less expensive for a ticket, Garfield said.

Traveling by train has some drawbacks, she said.

Trains usually take longer, and the fare is the same price or more than airline tickets.

"I have begun to book my airline flights over the Internet," said McKay Jones, a junior from Bolingbrook, Ill., majoring in English education.

There is a website that offers to find the three lowest round trip air fares for your destination, he said.

This is convenient and seems to work better than calling every airline and asking for different fares, he said. The address for this website is www.travelocity.com.

TWA offers students a student travel pack.

This involves booking an airline ticket two weeks in advance and it gives students four one-way tickets for anywhere in the United States for $548, said Liz Pindell, a reservation agent with TWA.

Students must provide proof they are a full-time students and pay airport tax as well, Pindell said.

They must book their flights using a one-way ticket for each destination and they can travel to anywhere in the United States, she said.

Jennifer Smith, a junior from Fredericksburg, Va., majoring in business management, has used the TWA student pack before.

She said it is a good bargain if students who use it travel long distances.

There are some drawbacks to the student pack, though, she said. TWA does not like to give the best flights to students who use the travel pack all the time.

She has to fly in at late hours when she uses it, she said.

Greyhound and Amtrak also give students a discount when they travel by train or bus, said Carol Goodrich, a reservation agent with Amtrak.

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Christmas is a time to be with loved ones, sing carols and of course, give gifts. And each of those gifts needs to be wrapped.

BYU students may be relieved to know that there is an easy way to get their wrapping done, the BYU bookstore will wrap it for you.

Ann Wroe, service desk specialist at the bookstore, said that Christmas is the busiest time of year for the gift wrapping department.

"We have gift wrap year round, but at Christmas time we have to really increase our wrapping set-up," Wroe said.

"At this time of year we usually are equipped with 16 to 20 wrappers at a time."

Purchases made at the bookstore can be wrapped for free. Wroe said that some people have one item wrapped, while others have as many as 30 to 40. Items bought at other locations can also be wrapped for two to 10 dollars.

Becky Harmston, one of the 50 wrappers hired only for the Christmas season, said she is excited about her position.

"The first gift I wrapped looked really bad," Harmston said.

"But the lady I was helping said it was really pretty."

Wroe said that each wrapper goes through a four-hour training session to make sure they know the correct wrapping procedures.

To be prepared for the Christmas rush, the bookstore has set up 16 different gift wrapping stations. The stations are to serve students, faculty, community guests and those who visit the bookstore from out of town, which are the main customers of the bookstore, but they do not actively solicit off campus, said Dennis Lindberg, assistant director over operations at the bookstore.

"It is surprising how continuously busy we are in the wrapping department, no matter what time of year it is," Wroe said.

"Though Christmas is by far our heaviest time, we are also busy around Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Education Week."

Wroe said the free wrapping is a very nice service the university offers.

Students who don't do their shopping at the bookstore can also find gift wrapping services at the University Mall.

Lisa Dickerson, a wrapper at ZCMI, was one of approximately 45 employees hired for the holiday season.

She said that ZCMI sets up wrapping stations on every floor to handle the customers wanting their gifts wrapped.

Dickerson said that customers can get one gift wrapped for free for every $20 they spend in the store.

"If the gift is not a ZCMI item, it costs $4-6 depending on the size of the package," said Darlene Brown, an employee of the Orem store.

"We have a small training session," Dickerson said. "But you can learn a lot from watching."

Wroe said that their business at the bookstore also increases as a result of the 20 percent off sale offered to BYU students at the end of the semester.

She said that most times the line for gift wrapping is at least an hour long.

"We start wrapping before the store opens and we stay after it closes," Wroe said.

"You simply haven't had the full BYU experience unless you've waited in the gift wrap line at least one time."

Erin Nelson, a junior from Salt Lake, majoring in Spanish, said the wait is worth it.

"It's free so how can you go wrong," Nelson said.

"Besides, I'm a horrible wrapper and I hate to spoil a great gift."

At the bookstore, Christmas gift wrapping will continue through 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Lindberg said.

At ZCMI, it will continue to 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Brown said.

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The BYU Bookstore hires extra employees to handle the large amount of customers who use the free Christmas gift wrapping services for items purchased there.

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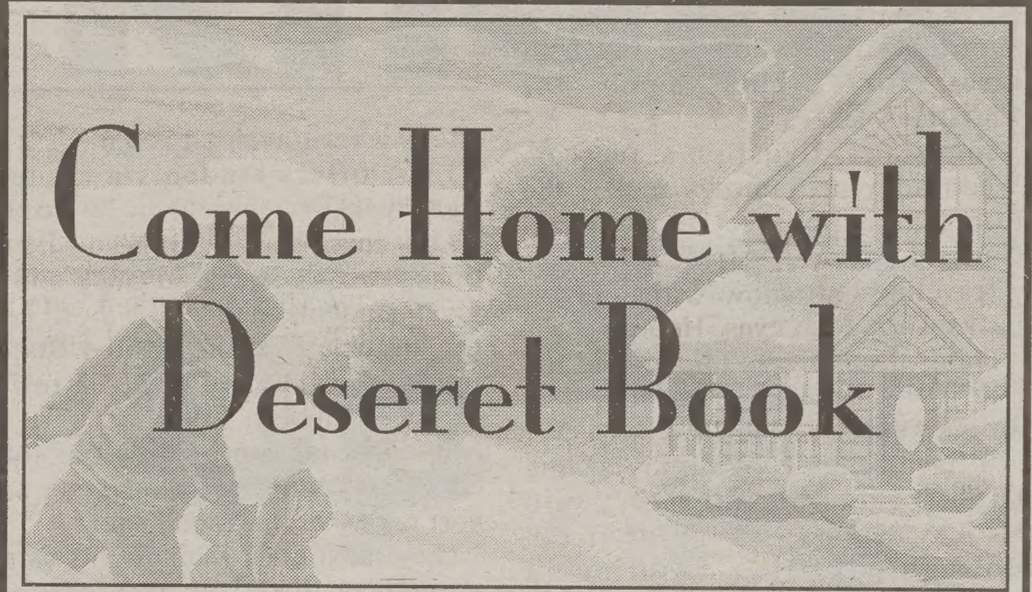

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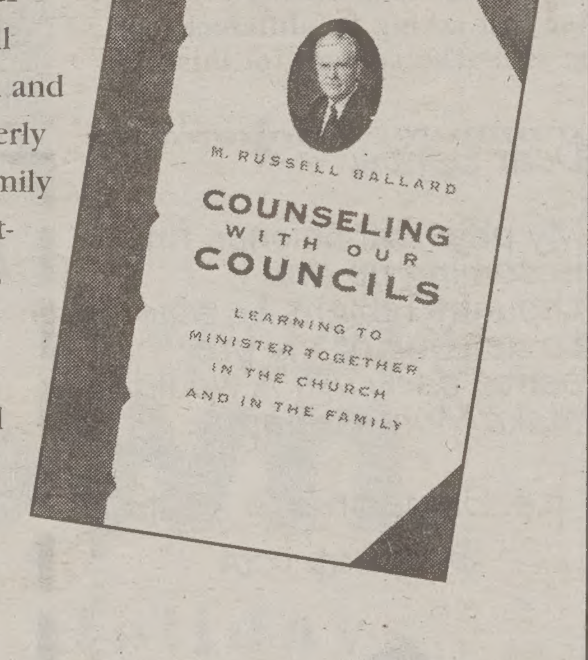

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Community Action Services depends on local involvement

By CAMERON FULLER
Universe Staff Writer

When Ebenezer Scrooge was asked to donate to the poor, he asked if the poorhouses, prisons, treadmill and workhouses were still in operation.

In Utah County, there are plenty of opportunities for the hungry and homeless to be employed, but many jobs simply do not pay enough for people to support themselves, according to a local charitable organization.

Community Action Services is a nonprofit service organization in Provo that tries to meet the most pressing needs of the community. It has been in operation for nearly 30 years but has turned its focus to helping the homeless in the last six or seven years.

According to the executive director of CAS, Myla Dutton, about six or seven years ago, the organization started to notice a housing crisis. Last year alone, CAS provided 2,736 shelter vouchers. A voucher represents an average of two to seven shelter nights in a local motel for individuals or families. The statistics for 1997 have not yet been finished, but Dutton believes the number of those who have needed help is up from last year.

To help the poor stay on their feet, CAS provides a variety of services for immediate and long-term assistance but also focuses on teaching those in need principles of self-sufficiency. These services include food support, temporary housing, help with utility bills and a handful of other services.

Dutton said 33 percent of those receiving aid are families with children. She also said only 25 percent were employed when they came in for help but because of the emphasis on self-sufficiency an additional 25 percent gained employment while working with CAS.

"They're a paycheck away from homelessness. That sounds rather overstated, but it's true. There are lots and lots of local families who live one paycheck away from homelessness," Dutton said.

She said that is why services aside from simple sheltering are important. If those in need fall ill, if their car breaks down, or if they are faced with any other unexpected struggle, the food donation or car repair money can keep them from missing a rent payment.

Dutton did not seem dismayed that no traditional homeless shelters exist in Utah County. She believes sheltering is best done through vouchers and halfway houses that provide more privacy and flexibility for those in need.

"It's not about a building that has cots in it. That is a temporary answer," Dutton said. "The answer is affordable housing, places for people to live, not to sleep tonight."

CAS is not as well known as other agencies and CAS's regional food bank director, Barry Filmore, believes it is because of how the people think of those in need. He said the key words in working with those in need are hungry and homeless, not poor and low-income.

He said the public looks at poor people with low incomes as lazy and not as deserving of help as the hungry and homeless.

Dutton said people can always help through financial and food donations but that CAS can even use volunteers who give their time. Those interested in helping can call CAS at 373-8200 or visit them at 257 E. Center.

Santa Claus alive and well in Illinois

Associated Press

WAUKEGAN, Ill. — He's 350 pounds, has snow-white hair and twinkling blue eyes. He even owns a red suit, an antique sleigh and a few deer.

And after dressing up as Santa Claus since age 15, Robert Rion is taking the holiday spirit a little further. He legally changed his name to Santa Claus.

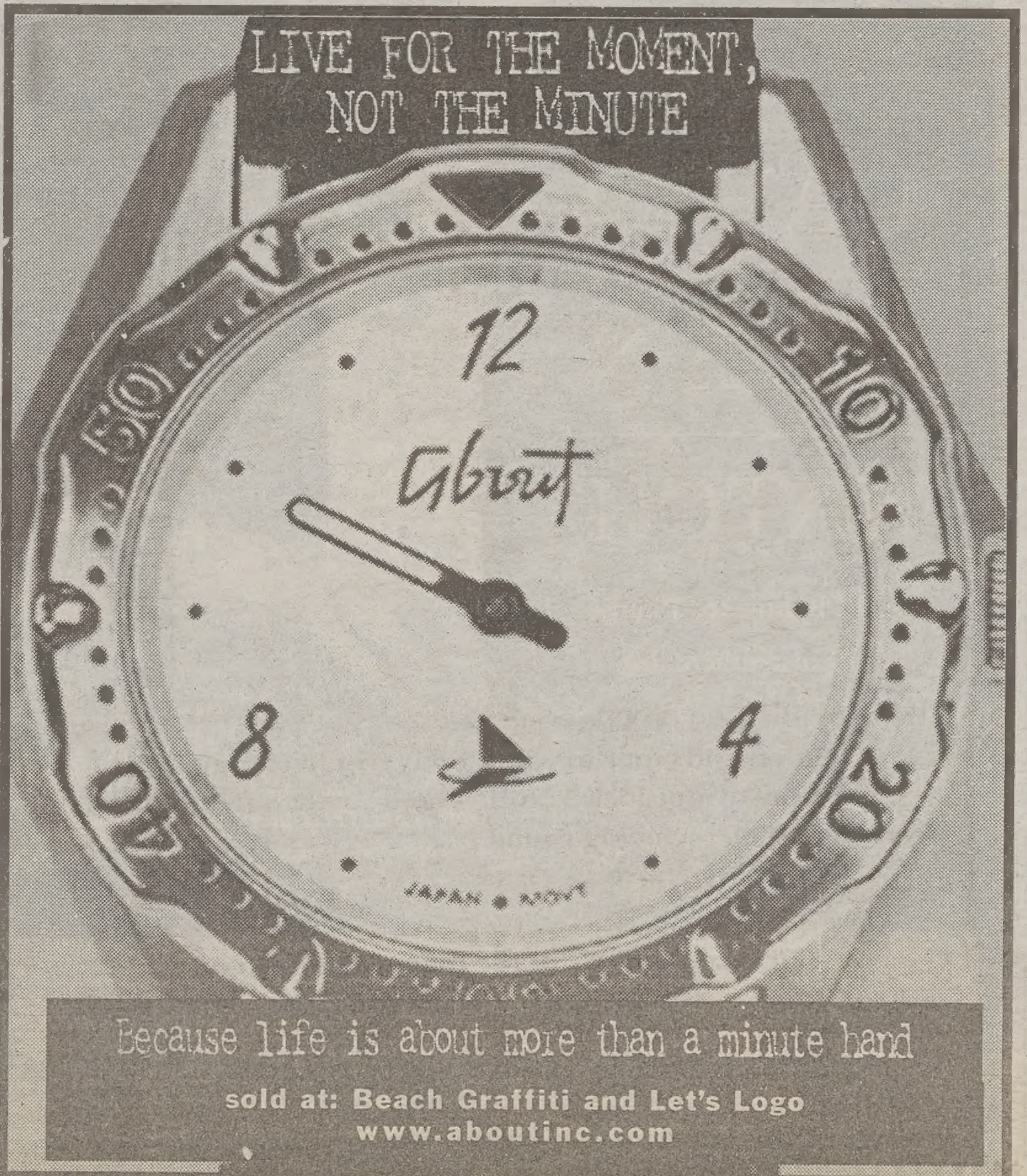
"I have a lot of deer here, and I was sitting here thinking, 'Wouldn't it be neat to have the name to go along with it?'" said Rion, 53, of Fremont Township. "I'm not doing this for publicity. This whole thing is to make me happy. If I'm happy, I make other people happy. It's very rewarding."

Folks in his town 40 miles north of Chicago say Santa Claus has the personality to match.

"He just likes to give, it's just his way," said waitress Betty Vazquez. "I really don't know anyone who can say a bad word about him."

Rion, who made the name-change Monday, plans to make appearances for children and senior citizens. But don't expect to hear Santa's traditional greeting from Rion, who has a quiet voice.

"I've never said, 'Ho, Ho, Ho' in all my life as Santa Claus," he said. "That scares the kids."



"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

— St. John 1:13

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